**■ Sports / A29**

Heat melt Pistons, tie East Finals 1-1

**■ News / A4**

BIR hounds resin importers

**■ Business / B1**

Fitch upgrades RP credit-rating outlook

**■ World / A10**

Al-Qaida in Iraq names acting leader in place of wounded Zarqawi

**■ Metro / A23**

2 Dutch brothers suspected of running cybersex den shot dead

## Solon asks: Where have all the 'jueteng' men gone?

**By Michael Lim Ubac and Luige A. del Puerto**

DID EVERYONE just walk away?

House Minority Leader Francis Escudero posed this question yesterday following the declaration of Philippine National Police Director General Arturo Lomibao that five re-

SOLON/ A21

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

## PNP's biggest 'losers' are a very happy bunch

**By Luige A. del Puerto**

GOODBYE BABOY!

THEY'RE the biggest "losers" in the Philippine National Police but they couldn't be happier about it.

More thar 100 once-obese police officers grad-

PNP'S/ A8

email: feedback@inquirer.com.ph

Friday, May 27, 2005 ★★ 84 pages 11 sections Vol. 20 No. 168 P18

website: www.inq7.net

# 'Jueteng' probes losing steam

## GMA allies want inquiries scrapped

**By Juliet Labog-Javellana, Michael Lim Ubac and Armand N. Nocum**

**EXPECT the planned Senate and House inquiries into "jueteng" operations to fizzle out, with administration lawmakers moving to scrap them altogether.**

Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago yesterday said the Senate should leave the investigation to criminal prosecutors or to an independent commission. She said the chamber should also be careful not to be used by jueteng lords to "regain lost territory."

Two Senate committees are set to begin on Monday afternoon a joint inquiry into why the illegal numbers game continues to flourish, as well as allegations that government officials and some private individuals were getting huge payoffs to protect the operations.

"In any event, I do not think that it is proper for the legislature to play Dick Tracy, to play detective and find out who is taking money from the jueteng operators," Santiago said. "We do not have the skills or the resources to undertake that kind of a function, and it simply is not [a] legislative [matter]," she said.

At the House of Representatives, Surigao del Sur Rep. Prospero Pichay said the jueteng inquiries would not help ferret out the truth and would only result in a "political slugfest."

"The proceedings of a congressional or Senate probe would also work against a sober assessment of the charges that may be hurled. We will only end up slinging mud at each other," said Pichay, who heads the House con-

JUETENG/ A21

**PARASOL BEAUTY**

Like the Filipino maiden in the popular Tagalog song, Miss Philippines Gionna Cabrera fairly sparkles in the modified Maria Clara costume that won her fifth place in the Best National Costume Parade in the Miss Universe contest in Bangkok on Wednesday night. AP

## Cruz clarifies stand, warns Malacañang

**By Christian V. Esguerra**

THE GOOD bishop giveth and he also taketh away.

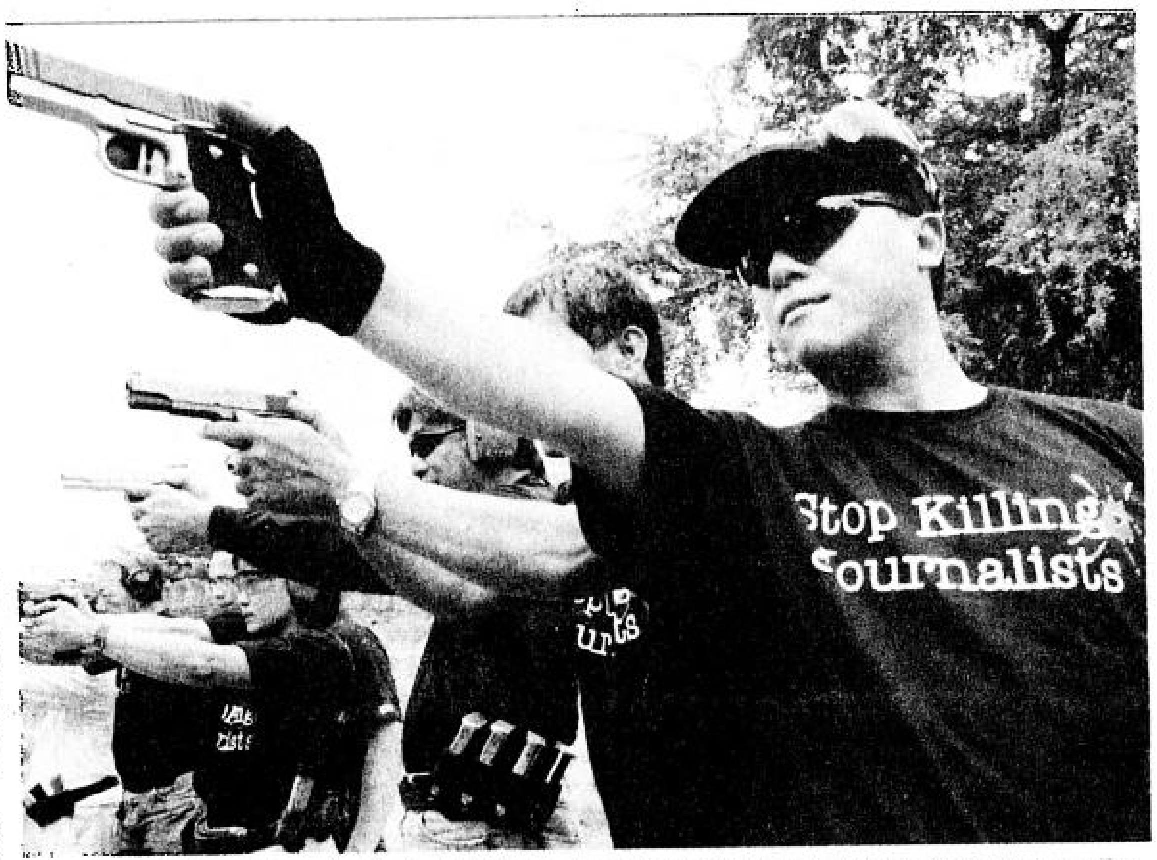
Giving Malacañang barely enough time to bask in his seeming exoneration of the First Family of any involvement in the "jueteng" payoff scandal, Archbishop Oscar Cruz yesterday turned around and qualified his position.

Cruz, who heads the Krusadang Bayan Laban sa Jueteng, clarified that what he meant was that his group considered "all suspected jueteng payola beneficiaries innocent until proven guilty."

"The organization has no choice but to subscribe to this judicial principle," Cruz said.

For good measure, the Lingayen-Dagupan prelate also delivered a stern warning to President Macapagal-Arroyo, giving her "one to three years" to stop jueteng, the lucrative underground illegal numbers game.

CRUZ/ A6



METRO Manila journalists raise their pistols during shooting practice at Camp Aguinaldo in Quezon City on Thursday. AP

## Journalists hone shooting skills

BLASTING away at targets with .45-cal. pistols, a group of journalists yesterday held their first "fun shoot" to make clear they were not taking the recent media killings lying down.

Five journalists have been killed this year in the Philippines, underlining its status as the most dangerous country in the world for media.

The Philippines prides itself on having the freest press in the region, but media groups have criticized the government for failing to halt the attacks, many of them apparently related to reporting on corrupt officials and shady business deals.

Despairing of getting protection from the police and the military, whom some suspect of complicity in the killings, some reporters have taken matters into their own hands.

The Association of Responsible Media (ARM) was set up this month to give gun-packing journalists a voice and to help them shoot straight.

About 20 reporters turned up Thursday at Camp Aguinaldo in Quezon City to test their aim on cardboard cutouts of people.

"I did not want to ask for a permit to carry them (guns) because I believed that the pen is mightier than the gun, but with what's happening now, journalists are being killed like helpless chickens," said Pablo Hernandez, a columnist of Bulgar, the country's leading tabloid.

Hernandez, known for his

JOURNALISTS/ A8

## GMA lauds rare courage of bishop

**By Michael Sarcauga, Ryan D. Rosauro and Hernan P. dela Cruz**

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday praised Bishop Emmanuel Cabajar for his "uncommon courage" in helping end a two-day hostage drama in Zamboanga del Sur, where police and military forces had been mobilized to track down three bus hijackers.

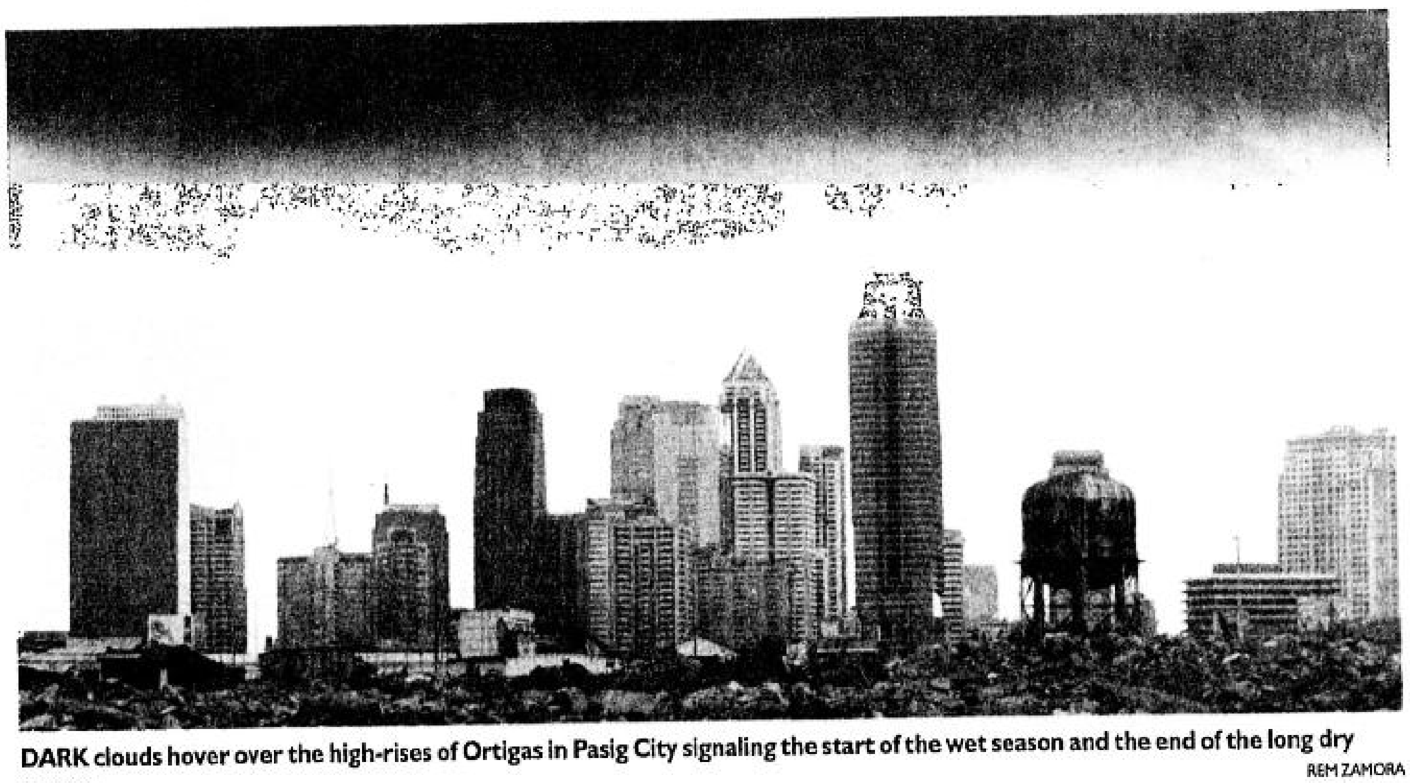
Denying police claims that the hijackers were members of the New People's Army, a guerrilla spokesperson said NPA rebels had been fielded to go after the hostage-takers and bring them before a "people's court."

A day after 13 hostages were freed, Director General Arturo Lomibao of the Philippine National Police yesterday flew to Pagadian City to coordinate the manhunt for the hijackers, whom Bishop Cabajar had let off his pick-up in Lakewood town in Zamboanga del Sur after the hostages—mostly women—were released.

"Lomibao's guidance to field commanders in Region 9 and 10 is to form blocking forces in all possible exit routes," said Senior Supt. Leopoldo Bataoil, the PNP spokesperson.

"Right now, the focus of operation is Lakewood," Bataoil said, adding that a task force

GMA/ A6



DARK clouds hover over the high-rises of Ortigas in Pasig City signaling the start of the wet season and the end of the long dry season. REM ZAMORA

## Pagasa: Rainy days here; El Niño over

**By Norman Bordadora**

THE SCATTERED showers and thunderstorms the past days signal the approach of the rainy season and the end of the prolonged El Niño dry spell, the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration said yesterday.

Nathaniel Cruz, Pagasa weather branch chief, told the INQUIRER that the El Niño phenomenon, marked by higher than normal temperatures over the equatorial Pacific Ocean, had started to normalize as early as the past month and would continue to do so in the coming days.

"We will see the end of the El Niño phenomenon when the rainy season starts setting in. We expect that to happen toward the end of May," Cruz said in a telephone interview.

Cruz said that the rainshowers and thunderstorms in parts of the country the past days still did not mean the start of the rainy

PAGASA/ A20

## Australia apologizes but scandal still rages

SYDNEY—The Australian government has issued an unprecedented apology over its tough immigration policy following revelations that at least 200 people had been wrongly detained as illegal aliens.

But Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio on Thursday reported the immigration department still could not explain the circumstances surrounding the case of Philippine-born Vivian Alvarez, an Australian citizen since 1986.

Immigration officials had known for two years that Alvarez had been wrongly deported to the Philippines but they only made efforts to find her recently.

Alvarez was deported following a car accident in July 2001 by officials who thought she was an illegal immigrant.

Alvarez, who uses a wheelchair, was discovered earli-

AUSTRALIA/ A6

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2005
E-mail: pr_news@inquirer.com.ph
Second FRONTPAGE
Text us your feedback: inquirer news name/age/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

**WEATHER FORECAST**

FORECAST: Extreme Northern Luzon will experience cloudy skies with light rains. Mindanao including Palawan will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rainshowers or thundersotrms mostly in the afternoon or evening.

COMPILED BY CYRIL L BONABENTE, PDI RESEARCH/05/27/05 SOURCE: PAGASA

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Metro Manila** | Partly Cloudy | **Iloilo/Bacolod** | Partly Cloudy |
| **Baguio** | Cloudy with Rains | **Roxas** | Partly Cloudy |
| **Tuguegarao** | Cloudy with Rains | **Cebu** | Partly Cloudy |
| **Laoag** | Cloudy with Rains | **Tacloban** | Partly Cloudy |
| **Clark Zone** | Partly Cloudy | **Gen. Santos** | Cloudy with Rains |
| **Tagaytay** | Partly Cloudy | **Zamboanga** | Cloudy with Rains |
| **Legazpi** | Partly Cloudy | **Cagayan de Oro** | Cloudy with Rains |
| **Calapan** | Partly Cloudy | **Davao** | Cloudy with Rains |

## *Noynoy wants to know how intel funds are spent*

By Philip C. Tubeza

NOBODY in Congress knows how the administration uses its P1.2 billion intelligence fund, a high-ranking lawmaker warned yesterday.

Deputy House Speaker Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III called for the creation a congressional oversight committee to "check and monitor" the use of the intelligence budget of the Office of the President and "some P1.2 billion in similar funds of various government agencies."

Despite the broad powers of Congress, "not even one member of both chambers of the legislative body is apprised on how these funds are expended," Aquino said.

Filing House Resolution 788, Aquino said Congress' use of its "visitorial power" over the intelligence budget was not enough to ensure that these funds were used for their original purpose.

Unlike regular funds, the use of intelligence funds is not subject to the Commission on Audit's regular audit and accounting processes, Aquino said.

# How do you solve problem like JPE? Senate in stalemate

By TJ Burgonio

**THE MAJORITY and minority blocs in the Senate remained at odds over how to resolve a problem like Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile.**

Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. yesterday demanded the chamber act on his manifestation dropping Enrile from the powerful Commission on Appointments, but the majority bloc wasn't biting.

"The minority has decided to replace Manong Johnny (Enrile). Let the process come to its full conclusion. The Senate, as a whole, will have to act on that to formalize the stand of the minority," Pimentel said in a phone interview.

Enrile should be removed through the same legislative process by which he was nominated to the CA – on the Senate floor – Pimentel insisted, adding: "There's no implication that they're [the majority] dictating to us when they pass on our manifestation."

### Wrong signal

Pimentel said the majority bloc's foot-dragging on the issue would send the wrong signal that "it has a hidden agenda to hobble the minority."

"The opposition has already spoken on the matter. If the majority wishes to protect Mr. Enrile, it will set a very bad precedent for the Senate as a whole," he said.

The majority, however, stood pat on its decision to lay off the minority's dispute, but it said it was open to Pimentel's proposal if certain conditions were met.

"We have to be convinced of the following: First, that the minority bloc has exhausted all means to resolve the dispute and, second, that the dispute, if left unresolved, would adversely affect our work in the Senate," Majority Leader Francis Pangilinan said in a text message.

"If both are present, we will be left with no choice but to act on the matter and decide," Pangilinan added, stressing that this was his own view.

Pangilinan had earlier said the majority would be setting a bad precedent if it interfered in the row in the minority, while Senate President Franklin Drilon had said the matter should be resolved by the opposition senators.

### Oblivious to controversy

Enrile, meanwhile, continued to attend committee hearings, oblivious to the controversy swirling around him.

"That's not my problem. They [the minority] were the ones who caused it. They should find the solution to it," he told reporters, maintaining that he could be ousted as the CA minority leader, but not as a CA member.

Sen. Edgardo Angara, who was not among the seven opposition senators who decided Enrile's fate, appealed to his colleagues to "stick to the issues" and keep an "open mind on how to break the impasse."

"Lawmakers must show maturity in resolving this problem immediately since the country needs their full attention in crafting laws that would redound to the good of the citizenry," Angara said in a statement.

Pimentel manifested on the Senate floor last Tuesday that he, Sergio Osmeña III, Panfilo Lacson, Jinggoy Estrada, Luisa Ejercito, Alfredo Lim and Jamby Madrigal had decided to oust Enrile from the Commission on Appointments.

The opposition legislators accused Enrile of "lawyering" for Malacañang's appointees – including Environment Secretary Michael Defensor – which is counter to the minority leader's role in the CA. Enrile has denied the allegation.

Lacson had earlier said the upper chamber should act on Pimentel's manifestation since nominations to the CA were made by either the majority or minority blocs on the floor.

### SC ruling

Yesterday, Pangilinan and Drilon found an ally in Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago, who cited a Supreme Court ruling that said the majority had no jurisdiction over the minority on internal matters.

"In the decided case, the Supreme Court said the majority had no authority over an internal dispute of the minority because otherwise the majority would be dictating to the minority," Santiago said, referring to Guingona vs Gonzales.

The same ruling also provided that membership in the CA was based on party representation, Santiago said.

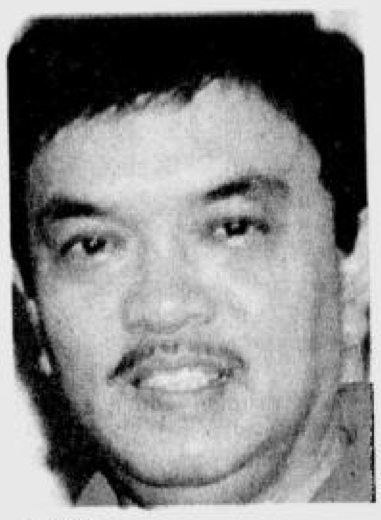
To justify his position, Enrile invoked a constitutional provision that says CA nominations are based on party affiliation. His colleagues, however, pointed out that he was nominated based on his affiliation with the minority bloc, which has been the practice in the Senate the past several years.

I promise to take care of you.
To wipe your tears when you're hurt.
To comfort you when you're sad,
to be there when you're afraid.
Because I'm your mom
and you're mine.
I promise to give you all
the best things in life,
down to the air you breathe.
Only Carrier has the exclusive Bio-Active 5-Filter System
It freshens, it renews, it immaculately cleans the air. That's how Carrier works to give you cool comfortable air that stays pure as your love for your family.
THE FIVE FILTERS FOR PURITY:
1 The Anti-Mould Filter traps larger dust and pollen particles.
2 The Anti-Bacterial Filter protects you from disease-causing germs.
3 The Electrostatic Filter traps airborne allergens such as dust mites, pollen and pet dander.
4 The Zeolite Filter removes micro-organisms and potentially harmful gases and chemicals.
5 The Activated Carbon Filter neutralizes household odors, including cigarette smoke particulates.
1
2
3
4
5
Come home to a
Carrier
CONCEPCION CARRIER
FASTrAT
0917-8435555
0918-9175555
CONCEPCION CARRIER CUSTOMER CARE

## 'UNFIT TO STAY IN GOV'T'

# Señeres showed his true colors–Palace

**By Christine Avendaño and Philip C. Tubeza**



SEÑERES

MALACAÑANG is not about to let Roy Señeres, the National Labor Relations chair who resigned the other day amid much rancor and noise, to have the last word.

The circumstances of Señeres' resignation showed his "true colors" and that the insinuations and reports against him were true, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said yesterday.

"This also shows that he's not really fit to stay in government," Bunye told a press briefing.

The Palace was apparently angered by Señeres' dramatic staging of his resignation on Wednesday, during which he called for the replacement of the Arroyo administration by a new government and urged the police and the military to rescue the Filipino people from the "clear and present evil" of massive corruption.

Señeres publicly signed his resignation letter and ordered it sent to Malacañang directly at a press conference that included Fortunato Abat, a former defense secretary and retired general, whose Coalition for National Salvation last month sought the President's ouster.

Señeres' resignation came more than a month after the President confronted him and accused him of being involved in a destabilization plot against her administration.

### Time to move on

He denied this and initially declared he would stay on at his post even after the President removed all his administrative powers but abruptly announced he would resign last Monday.

Bunye yesterday said the Palace would be announcing Señeres' replacement at the NLRC soon and that "it was time for us to move on and attend to the other matters of government."

Informed of Bunye's comments, Señeres said the press secretary was being "myopic."

"He (Bunye) should look at intelligence dossiers and he would see that I have never sat down for a meeting with Abat," he said in a phone interview.

He explained that Abat had called and asked to go to his press conference to give "moral support."

He claimed to have learned that Abat had invited him to join his group from the media and that he was considering the offer.

"We share the same sentiments that we're up against an evil regime," he said.

Señeres said he would go on terminal leave starting May 30 and had recommended Raul Aquino, the presiding NLRC commissioner of the 2nd Division, as officer in charge.

In Congress, House Majority Leader Prospero Nograles yesterday expressed relief that Señeres had resigned.

### 'No team player'

He said Señeres quit not because of alleged government corruption but because the President had noticed "his inability to be a team player" and to effectively run the NLRC.

He described Señeres' complaints against the Arroyo administration as "a simple case of sourgraping" and assailed his "overdramatic" resignation and use of "recycled accusations" to justify it.

"He's like a child whose candy was taken. It is better for him to just shut up and admit the fact that he failed the people as head of the NLRC," Nograles said in a statement.

He said many labor disputes were "left rotting in the NLRC" because Señeres seemed to be "preoccupied with many other things rather than carrying out the mandate of his office."

Nograles warned Seneres that his call for an uprising against the government could be "considered as inciting to rebellion" and that the government could file charges against him.

"The law is harsh on people who incite others to take up arms against the government," he said.

PURE Petroleum Jelly PROTECTANT Apollo Made in USA NET CONTENT 100g

So gentle.
So versatile.
So affordable.

LIP BALM - It smoothes chapped lips. Apply a thin film over the lips before bedtime. Wake up with moisturized and plump lips.

BABY'S SKIN PROTECTION - Petroleum jelly is ideal right after baby's bath. Apply a little on your palms, then gently smooth it over the folds and creases of your baby's skin.

EYE MAKE-UP REMOVER - Apply a pea-sized amount of petroleum jelly over eye make-up. With a cotton bud, remove make-up around the eye area with a gentle stroking movement.

DRY HAND SOFTENER - Dab petroleum jelly on problem areas immediately after a shower or bath to seal in moisture and heal very dry skin.

FOOT SPA SUPPLEMENT - Moisturize dry and flaky feet with petroleum jelly immediately after bath. Massage on problem areas. Wear socks overnight. You will wake up with softer and smoother feet. Do this three to four times a week until desired effect is achieved.

PHILUSA CORPORATION
In touch with every Filipino.
Available at all Mercury Drug outlets, leading drugstores and supermarkets nationwide

Now available in three sizes: 200g, 100g and 25g

# Militants woo resigned chief of NLRC

**By Jerome Aning**

MILITANT workers groups yesterday urged resigned National Labor Relations Commission chair Roy Señeres to expose all the wrongdoings in the Arroyo administration and asked him to join them in future mass actions to make her step down.

"We are all confident that Señeres would soon come out with his own bombshells regarding the massive crimes of corruption (in the government)," said Fernando Hicap, fisherfolk group Pamalakaya national chair.

Hicap said the broad anti-Arroyo movement would welcome the ex- NLRC chief "with open arms and political affection," adding: "The snowballing anti-Gloria movement is the best political alternative for the resigned NLRC chief to purse a patriotic and pro-people career."

However, the moderate Trade Union Congress of the Philippines indirectly blamed politicking behind Señeres' fall and called for the appointment of an NLRC chair who has no political inclinations or ambitions.

"We want a professional, a non-politician. We hope politicians would keep off the NLRC. We want someone who understands the problems in the NLRC," TUCP spokesman Alex Aguilar said.

Señeres on Wednesday formally announced his resignation as NLRC chief because President Arroyo was no longer happy with him and that the feeling was mutual. The Office of the President recently clipped the powers of the NLRC chief following rumors that Señeres was allegedly involved in a plot to destabilize the government.

Señeres denied the accusations that he was plotting to oust President Arroyo, including allegations that he was seeking the help of the United States government and other military officials to remove the Arroyo administration from power.

NO MORE HAIR
Still at a Very Affordable 25% Off!

Imagine this: no more unsightly, unwanted hair on your underarms, legs and bikini lines! That means you no longer have to deal with stubbles, unsightly chicken skin, painful cuts and nicks. Yes, you don't have to shave, pluck or wax ever again!

Now stop imagining. Enroll immediately for the LaserLight Hair Removal programme – for your underarms, legs and bikini lines – and get satin-smooth, hair-free skin at a very affordable **25% DISCOUNT!** Hurry! Don't miss this promo extension happening only until **May 28, 2005***. You can still make your hair-free dreams come true!

LaserLight is US-FDA-approved for permanent reduction of unsightly, unwanted hair anywhere on your body. Call the Facial Care Centre professionals NOW!

Facial care centre

*Approved by DTI-NCR

Per DTI-NCR Permit #1272 Series of 2005

CALL 892-SKIN (7546)
Where Beautiful Skin Happens
www.facialcarecentre.com.ph

MAKATI ORTIGAS TOMAS MORATO BINONDO ALABANG SHAW CONGRESSIONAL PAMPANGA (961-3404) CEBU (233-7631)

# *Boracay resorts sit on public land—Defensor*

By Norman Bordadora

ENVIRONMENT Secretary Michael Defensor yesterday said the government would continue with a land titling and classification program in the tourist island of Boracay despite the claim of some resort owners that court decisions had upheld their ownership of the lands where their businesses sit.

Defensor said the island was unclassified public land and therefore remained inalienable, that is, incapable of being transferred.

He said that by law forest lands or forest reserves like Boracay could not be appropriated for private use or possession unless such lands are reclassified and considered disposable and alienable.

"At present, the resorts in the beach front of Boracay sit on government property," Defensor told a news conference yesterday.

"All the owners paid for are rights [to occupy] which now go for as much as P20,000 to P30,000 per square meter," he said.

He said the resort owners who spent money to develop their properties into what is now one of the country's top tourist destinations will now have to pay for these lands.

"Payment schemes can be discussed. We may have to come up with a mechanism wherein developed lands will still remain with the people who developed them," he said.

He said that while public bidding was mandated by law in the appropriation of lands newly deemed as alienable, the resort owners would retain the right to match the winning bid and would have some advantage in being able to keep the properties that they are occupying.

Defensor said there was no quarrel with the resort owners, noting that only one of the 595 establishments seemed to have a problem with the classification and titling plan.

He said the edge of the property of the resort concerned was just 15 meters away from the shoreline, 15 meters beyond the 30-meter inalienable beach front mandated by law.

Sources at the department pointed to the Waling-waling Hotel as the resort establishment being referred to.

According to Defensor, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources considered the titling of lands as the best way to assure business stability, which would in turn encourage investors to put in more money in the popular tourist destination.

Defensor also announced that the DENR, the Boracay Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Department of Tourism, and Boracay's local government units have been working on an effective solid waste management program for the island's 12 tons of waste per day.

He said that without their intervention, the garbage problem would develop into a crisis by June. *With a report from Bernice Mendoza*

# BIR hounds resin importers

By Armand N. Nocum

THE BUREAU of Internal Revenue is going after seven customs bonded warehouses (CBWs) which have cost the government P8 billion in lost revenues due to the undeclared importation of resins, which are used in the manufacture of plastic.

At the press briefing after it filed tax evasion charges against two CBW firms, the BIR also announced that boxer Manny Pacquiao was scheduled yesterday to begin paying the millions of pesos he owed in taxes from the money he made from his fights and commercial endorsements.

"Today, a partial payment, a very substantial amount, will be paid. Mr. Pacquaio is in Manila right now trying to get additional documents for the additional payment," BIR Commissioner Guillermo Parayno said.

Parayno, however, declined to say how much Pacquiao was paying.

"We cannot disclose it. It's against the nondisclosure provision of the (National Internal Revenue Code)," he said.

The CBW firms charged with tax evasion were Nitoka Industrial Corp. and Chiat Sing Cardboard Corp.

Nitoka, which is engaged in the manufacture of sewing machines and plastic products for export, was found to have failed to declare the importation of half a billion pesos worth of resins.

CBWs are allowed to import raw materials tax-free provided the finished products were exported.

But Parayno said Nitoka did not only fail to declare its importation of resins, it also sold the raw materials in the country.

"Customs records showed they were illegally withdrawing half a billion pesos worth of resins from the warehouse. The government lost P200 million in terms of customs duties and taxes," Parayno said.

Since the government could no longer go after them for smuggling and Nitoka officials had "managed to evade criminal prosecution from a customs standpoint, we are running after them for tax evasion," Parayno said.

The Nitoka executives charged were Thelma U. Lee, president; Daniel U. Lee, vice president; Samuel Lee, treasurer, and Maybelle Lim, assistant secretary.

They were found to have failed to declare any income for 2002 and 2003 despite having imported P451 million and P541 million worth of resins in those years, respectively.

They were also found to have failed to declare any value-added taxes and withholding taxes in those years.

Chiat Sing executives Sze Kau For and Imelda Taneda were accused of failing to file the correct taxes in 1999 and 2000 amounting to P160 million and P113 million, respectively.

"There are five more bonded warehouses scheduled [to be charged]. All are engaged in the importation of resins," Parayno said.

Parayno said the seven firms "brought in over P20 billion worth of resin materials," resulting in revenue loses of P8 billion in five years.

"The BIR is trying to run after the people behind these operations. We are not going to allow them to run away with P8 billion," he said.

Earlier, the BIR filed tax evasion charges against another CBW, Columbia Sports Philippines Inc.

# Garcia wants to put Abaya on the stand

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

MAJ. GEN. Carlos Garcia (ret.) wants to call former Armed Forces of the Philippines chief of staff Gen. Narciso Abaya (ret.) as a defense witness in his court-martial, Garcia's lawyer said yesterday.

"He (Abaya) has a lot of explaining to do regarding the approval of the charge sheet and the investigation reports (against Garcia)," lawyer and former judge Jose Bautista said in a phone interview.

Bautista said the defense would formally ask the military tribunal to subpoena Abaya before the end of the week.

"We have a written request for the issuance of a subpoena. It will be submitted tomorrow," Bautista said.

Abaya on Oct. 27 last year approved the court-martial of Garcia, a former AFP chief comptroller, based on the findings of the AFP Office of Ethical Standards and Public Accountability (Oespa).

Garcia is charged with conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman and conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline for his unexplained wealth and his acquisition of a "green card" which entitles him to permanent residency in the United States.

Bautista said Abaya ordered the court-martial on Oct. 27, two days before the deadline for Garcia to submit a counteraffidavit.

"Incidentally, Oct. 29 was the day of General Abaya's retirement," Bautista said.

Military prosecutor Col. Al Perreras had said Garcia had refused to submit a counter-affidavit during the investigation and pre-trial phase.

Bautista said the defense would call Lt. Cmdr Primo Repiso of Oespa and Col. Henry Galarpe of the AFP Provost Marshal's office at the next hearing on June 2.

He said they want to put Abaya on the witness stand in the following hearing.

So far, Garcia's lawyers have been questioning the credibility of the written orders and documents signed by Abaya and Oespa officials regarding Garcia's case.

The prosecution had presented records of sizable bank accounts and luxury vehicles under the name of Garcia and his wife Clarita, his statements of assets and liabilities, and records of his US immigrant status.

Garcia is also facing plunder charges before the Sandiganbayan for allegedly amassing at least P303 million in unexplained wealth while in office.

His wife, Clarita, and three grown sons were also included in the charges.

Hanford BOYS

Superbrands
PHILIPPINES

As you wear.

isetann
DEPARTMENT STORE • SUPERMARKET
CARRIEDO • CUBAO • RECTO • STA.MESA

www.hanford.com.ph

## THE DAILY GOSPEL

Friday, May 27, 2005
8th Week in Ordinary Time

**1st Reading:** Sir 44:1,9-13
**Gospel:** Mark 11:11-26

Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the Temple. And after he had looked all around, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

The next day, when they were leaving Bethany, he felt hungry. In the distance he noticed a fig tree covered with leaves, so he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he reached it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. Then Jesus said to the fig tree, "May no one ever eat your fruit!" And his disciples heard these words.

When they reached Jerusalem, Jesus went to the Temple and began to drive away all the people he saw buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the stools of those who sold pigeons. And he would not let anyone carry anything through the Temple area.

Jesus then taught the people, "Does not God say in the Scriptures: My house will be called a House of Prayer for all the nations? But you have turned it into a den of thieves."

The chief priests and the teachers of the Law heard of this, and they tried to find a way to destroy him. They were afraid of him because all the people were captivated in his teaching.

When evening came, Jesus left the city.

Early next morning, as they walked along the road, the disciples saw the fig tree withered to its roots. Peter then said to him, "Master, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered."

And Jesus replied, "Have faith in God. Truly, I say to you, if you say to this mountain: 'Get up and throw yourself into the sea,' and have no doubt in your heart but believe that what you say will happen, it will be done for you. Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it shall be done for you. And when you stand to pray, forgive whatever you may hold against anyone, so that your heavenly Father may also forgive your sins."

**Commentary**

*Now Jesus enters Jerusalem, the place that kills the prophets and it's late so he goes to Bethany with the disciples. Next day they are on their way back in and find a fig tree with leaves, but no fruit and they are hungry—it's not the season for figs anyway. But Jesus curses the tree! The fig tree—symbol of Jerusalem, the temple, the worship of God that brings peace and justice to the land. Jesus then drives the money changers out of the temple, purifying the house of his Father, crying out that this house was meant to be a place of prayer for all nations and it's a den of thieves. They want to kill him, but don't know how to do it. And as they leave the city, the fig tree has withered and died. There is to be the new temple (the Body of Christ—people), the new ritual (prayer and forgiveness of everyone) and a new sense of God, as Father of all. In Jesus' presence and at Jesus' word, there is judgment and newness given. We must take Jesus' words and deeds to heart and turn so that our worship is pure, our forgiveness sure and our care of the Body of Christ truly worship that is the coming of peace and justice or our lives and souls are just withered trees.*

*Claretian Publications Inc., 8 Mayumi St., UP Village, Diliman, Quezon City, UP P.O. Box 4, Diliman, 1101 Quezon City; Tel.: 921-3984; Fax: 921-7429; E-mail: cci@claret.org; Websites: http://www.bible.claret.org (Claretian Publications Inc.) & http://missionaries.claret.org (Claretians in the Philippines)*

## SUPREME COURT DOCTRINES

LABOR LAW (LABOR RELATIONS LAW)—Elements of an employer-employee relationship—The elements to determine the existence of an employment relationship are: (1) the selection and engagement of the employee; (2) the payment of wages; (3) the power of dismissal; and (4) the employer's power to control the employee's conduct. The most important element is the employer's control of the employee's conduct, not only as to the result of the work to be done, but also as to the means and methods to accomplish it. (Citations omitted.) (Justice Callejo Sr., Second Division, Chavez v. National Labor Relations Commission, G.R. No. 146530, January 17, 2005)

By R.B. Vera

# GMA junks town hall meetings

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo is doing away with the stage-managed "Pulong Bayan" or town hall meetings that have failed to reverse her plunging popularity and bring her closer to the masses.

Instead, the President is holding low-key meetings with "ordinary people" with no public officials or media persons present to record or spoil the meetings.

Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said yesterday the President had held three such meetings in Mindanao – in Cagayan de Oro, General Santos and Davao cities – in the last two days and that more of the no-frills closed-door meetings would be held in the next few weeks.

"These are private consultations with ordinary people because the President prefers that these be conducted away from the media glare [for] a good discussion or exchange," Bunye said. "It's small groups not exceeding 10 and there are no politicians or public officials present, not even barangay captains.

"We just want to make people feel at ease. For ordinary folks, speaking with the President is an extraordinary experience and they are not immediately comfortable opening up, especially in front of cameras," Bunye said.

He said the President has scrapped the Pulong Bayan concept – which was a carryover from the 2004 election campaign – because "the atmosphere was not conducive to a frank exchange."

The President herself had publicly expressed displeasure over the Pulong Bayan sessions that were generally viewed as superficial because of the handpicked audience, prepared questions and the President's guarded responses.

Bunye, however, could not say what issues were raised by the participants under the new format and how the President responded.

"I can't tell you because I wasn't there. It was not even recorded," Bunye said, although he swore that the "exchanges were frank and candid and fruitful."

The initial meeting with ordinary people was conducted in Barangay San Miguel near Malacañang last week and Bunye said the President was satisfied with the results.

"Based on [her] experience, [the President] feels that she is getting honest to goodness feedback from these private meetings."

# Texting eyed as tax source once again

By Philip C. Tubeza

IT HAD to come, texting is such an obvious target.

A lawmaker yesterday proposed setting a specific tax of P0.50 on each short messaging service (SMS) sent over the cell phone.

Pangasinan Rep. Mark Cojuangco, son of business mogul Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco, filed House Bill 3977, which seeks to create the specific tax "to be borne by cellular phone companies."

Proceeds from the tax are to build a Special Infrastructure Fund.

"SMS is the easiest source of revenue to alleviate our fiscal situation whereby each text sender shares in the burden of nation building. Further, it is also escapable and not mandatory," Cojuangco said.

"And finally, the economic activity generated from the tax is about 75-85 percent entertainment and 25-15 percent legitimate," he added.

Cojuangco said text messaging should be regulated because it was a "substantially foreign exchange-based industry, hence competing with every other industry vis-a-vis our dollar reserves and contributing to our economic dependence on other countries."

Cojuangco said the Special Infrastructure Fund would seek to "upgrade, modernize and improve" the country's infrastructure.

"The special fund shall be expended exclusively for roads, bridges, acquisition or right-of-ways, flood control and drainage, and other ancillary infrastructure facilities, which provide support services," he said.

Life Needs a Protected Zone.

That's why Samsung Silver Nano kills up to 99.9% of bacteria to protect you.

How Silver Nano works

1. Bacteria cell 2. Cell wall is dissolved 3. Cell membrane bursts 4. Bacteria cell dies

The results

Bacteria 99.9% of Staphylococci and Escherichia Coli are removed

Initial count → Removed 99.9% → After 24 hours

How the AG+ Ion eliminates body odour

Conventional

Genuine sweat is odorless. But when a saprophyte (fungus or bacterium) comes into contact with a glyceride of sweat, a fatty acid which emits an unpleasant odor is produced.

With Silver Nano Technology

The Ag+ Ion kills the saprophyte. Without the saprophyte, sweat cannot decompose to emit an unpleasant odor.

Ordinary home appliances are great hiding places for bacteria. That is why our range of home appliances come equipped with Samsung Silver Nano to kill bacteria. The result? Your food stays fresh for a longer time in our refrigerators, your air stays pure and healthy with our air-conditioners, and your clothes stay odor-free with our washing machines. Samsung. Because life is worth protecting.

Silver Nano HEALTH SYSTEM

SAMSUNG

Samsung Customer Contact Center: TOLL FREE 1-800-10SAMSUNG for PLDT or 1-800-3SAMSUNG for Digitel. www.samsungsilvernano.com

HON, KAILANGAN NA NIYA TALAGA NG SARILING KWARTO.
Want to renovate your home?
Personal Loans at our lowest rate.
For a limited time only.

▶ Call 840-0990
▶ Visit www.hsbc.com.ph

HSBC
The world's local bank

Issued by The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited

# Cruz clarifies stand, warns Malacañang

From page A1

If she fails, he said, he would go to the President and tell her: "Get out! What kind of President are you? You can't even stop jueteng!"

No matter. Cruz's statement that he was giving the President and her family the benefit of the doubt that they had not received jueteng payola was welcomed by the Palace as nothing short of exoneration.

Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye expressed Malacañang's thanks at a news conference and a radio interview yesterday.

"The good archbishop has indirectly unmasked an insidious conspiracy to discredit the President by unscrupulous persons whose main weapon is character assassination through innuendo and raw gossip," Bunye said in a statement.

"All of these things could not have come about unless some persons brought these facts before the media and whoever was responsible for that must have other motives and we see this as an insidious move to discredit the First Family," he said.

Asked who might have instigated the character assassination of the First Family, Bunye said this would be known "in due time."

"That's why we welcome the investigation being conducted by the Senate and the House as well as a parallel investigation by the Department of Justice that the President ordered. We believe in due time the truth will come out," said Bunye.

## 'Hearsay'

Told that Cruz had given a radio interview yesterday claiming that he and opposition Sen. Panfilo Lacson had witnesses with evidence purportedly linking the First Family to jueteng payoffs, Bunye said he was not aware of the Cruz interview but if this was the case, it was still "hearsay."

"In law, if you testify, it's important that you have direct knowledge. You just can't say that there are other people who know. In order for the testimony to stand in court, the person who has direct knowledge should testify," he said in Filipino.

Bunye said that Cruz's statements showed that "he has no direct knowledge."

Malacañang has firmly insisted that the allegations against members of the First Family were unfounded. First Gentleman Jose Miguel "Mike" Arroyo and his son, Pampanga Rep. Mikey Arroyo, have been accused of receiving jueteng payoffs.

Bunye said the President would "not be distracted" from the mudslinging and would "remain keenly focused on her economic plan."

"We hope that the ongoing House and Senate probes will further ferret out the truth and result in measures that will effectively stamp out jueteng and other [forms of] illegal gambling in the country," he said.

The President announced an all-out war against jueteng the other day. She also denied that she had ever gotten even a single centavo from jueteng operators.

Administration lawmakers yesterday told the President's critics that Cruz's admission that he had no evidence against the President or Mike Arroyo "vindicated" the First Family's claim that they did not receive jueteng bribes.

## Shock absorber

House Majority Leader Prospero Nograles said the past few weeks were "particularly difficult" for the President because she had become "a shock absorber of unsubstantiated jueteng allegations by the opposition."

"It's time her detractors leave her and her family out of the jueteng issue since till now they have not presented a single witness or evidence to prove their charges against the First Family," Nograles said.

"It is most unfair. The jueteng issue is all sound and fury signifying nothing. The opposition should stop implicating the Arroyos since the staunchest advocate against jueteng [Cruz] has spoken and has cleared the First Family," Nograles said.

Eastern Samar Rep. Marcelino Libanan said Cruz's statement that there was no evidence linking the First Family to jueteng had rendered allegations against the Arroyos as plain hearsay.

"They are incredible stories peddled by the President's detractors to discredit her in their desperate attempt to oust her," he said.

It was also possible that the First Family was "being used" to divert public attention away from jueteng operators who are the main targets of the crackdown, he said.

"It's very suspicious why reports have shifted to the Arroyos when there is no evidence to link them to jueteng," Libanan said.

Cruz yesterday also expressed doubts about the Philippine National Police's claim that it had stamped out jueteng in Ilocos, Cagayan Valley, Central Luzon, Mimaropa and the Cordillera Administrative Region.

"The more accurate term is negligible. The country has never been free from jueteng. The condition was only negligible," he said.

By negligible, Cruz said he meant that the illegal game was still around but had been reduced to "kangaroo" or "guerrilla" operations because the "issue is still hot."

"Jueteng lords are really hurting now," he said in Filipino.

"But once the issue fizzles out, expect them to come back in droves unless authorities really sustain their drive," Cruz said.

## Deadline

PNP Director General Arturo Lomibao had given field commanders until today to submit certificates that their respective areas were clear of jueteng. The certificates have to be signed by local religious leaders.

Lipa Archbishop Ramon Arguelles on Wednesday sent text messages, asking his flock to "please refrain from making statements that Batangas was gambling-free."

"Nowadays when jueteng makes almost daily headlines, there are individuals and groups who approach priests to certify that Batangas or any part thereof is free of illegal gambling," Arguelles said.

"The truth is that vices have never been so rampant as now. I appeal to the clergy of Batangas for prudence and truthfulness," he said.

Noting the speed by which the PNP had declared entire regions of the country as being free of jueteng, administration Rep. Roilo Golez challenged police officials to prove their claims in Congress and submit their status reports to congressional scrutiny.

"They have been too hasty. That is why they should face us. It's important that we have a hearing for us to see their status report and subject it to a rebuttal," Golez said on Wednesday.

While praising Lomibao's order for his men to stamp out jueteng in two days, Golez said it would be better if other government officials followed his lead. *With reports from Christine Avendaño and Philip C. Tubeza*

# GMA lauds rare courage of bishop

From page A1

had been created to pursue the gunmen.

## Commendations

In a press briefing at Malacañang, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said Ms Arroyo extolled the "uncommon courage and forbearance" of Bishop Cabajar for his role in the safe release of the hostages.

Lomibao also praised Cabajar. "We are thankful to him for risking his life just to ensure the safety of the hostages," he said.

"The act of Bishop Cabajar deserves praise because he offered himself despite the danger just to prevent bloodshed in that situation," said Rep. Isidoro Real of Zamboanga del Sur.

The hostage drama began on Tuesday at Plaridel in Misamis Occidental when the three men armed with grenades, handguns and an automatic pistol held up a Rural Transit Bus bound for Dipolog City.

At a police checkpoint, passengers were told to disembark, but the gunmen fired shots and threatened to blow up the vehicle and 16 passengers still inside. Three passengers later escaped Tuesday.

Cabajar joined the negotiations Wednesday, offered his pickup and drove it to Lakewood where the armed men fled and the remaining 13 hostages were freed—some of them sustaining injuries when they jumped off the vehicle.

Social Welfare Secretary Corazon "Dinky" Soliman said her office would provide financial assistance for the medical and other needs of the injured.

## Gun smugglers?

The 62-year-old Cabajar said the hijackers indicated in their conversations with him that they were gun smugglers.

"They had a buyer in Dipolog," he said. "My impression is they were selling guns and they happened to be caught in a checkpoint so they were forced to hold the passengers hostage."

Before the gunmen escaped, they "kept on thanking God, saying 'Salamat sa Dios, Salamat sa Dios,' and they were thanking me for their freedom," said Cabajar, who was ordained bishop of Pagadian last August.

Adan Sindapan, regional spokesperson of the National Democratic Front, Western Mindanao, told the INQUIRER that the NDF condemned the hostage-taking but denied it was the handiwork of the NPA.

He said it was part of the AFP's operation "to discredit the surging revolutionary movement."

## People's court

A man who identified himself as Ismael Marte and claimed to belong to the NPA Western Mindanao Regional Command yesterday also said the hostage drama did not bear the imprint of the communist movement.

Speaking over Catholic radio dxDD, he said NPA guerrillas had been fielded to pursue the hijackers and "bring them before the people's court."

On Wednesday, one of the hijackers, who called himself "Junjun," said in an interview with radio station dxDR during the negotiations that his group were NPA rebels seeking "justice and equality."

One hostage, Liezel Sabado, told a Pagadian radio that the gunmen were "anxious about the current state of our society." She also commended them for not harming the passengers.

Supt. Mario Yanga, Misamis Occidental provincial police director, said the gunmen had been involved in highway and bank robberies.

He said the gunmen could be the same ones who robbed passengers of a bus bound for Dipolog last week.

The scope of the manhunt is comparable to the one launched when armed men abducted more than a dozen teachers and students of Mindanao State University early this month and when suspected terrorist Fathur Rohman al-Ghozi escaped from Camp Crame a few years back, Bataoil said. *With reports from Luige A. del Puerto, Cynthia D. Balana, Joselle Badilla and Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.*

# Australia apologizes but scandal still rages

From page A1

ALVAREZ

er this month in a Roman Catholic hospice run by nuns in Olongapo City, north of Manila, within weeks after her wrongful deportation was made public and a search for her was launched.

The second in charge of the immigration department, Ed Killesteyn, told a parliamentary committee late Wednesday that his colleagues discovered in August 2003 that an Australian had been deported.

Immigration Minister Amanda Vanstone could not explain why the officials had not raised the alarm then and immediately launched a search.

"I'd have to say on the face of it, it's inexplicable," Vanstone was quoted by ABC radio as telling the committee. "It leaves me completely perplexed."

The Alvarez case has been referred to a government inquiry into mistakes within the department, including the case of an Australian woman mistakenly held for 10 months at an immigration detention center.

The government has offered financial assistance and ongoing medical care for Alvarez if she returns. She has yet to announce her decision.

## No sacking

Even so, Prime Minister John Howard on Thursday again rejected calls that the embattled Vanstone be sacked. The prime minister also declined to respond to demands for a royal commission into the bungles.

Opposition Labor Party leader Kim Beazely demanded Vanstone's ouster and a full debate on the immigration situation in Parliament on Thursday, but Howard used his majority in the chamber to gag the discussion.

The uproar over the tough immigration policy, which helped Howard win four consecutive elections flared earlier this year after revelations that a German-born Australian resident, Cornelia Rau, had been wrongfully detained as an illegal immigrant for nearly a year.

Then authorities admitted that Alvarez had been mistakenly deported to the Philippines four years ago and was only found earlier this month languishing in a hospice for the dying.

Public emotions over the scandal were further inflamed by the case of a 3-year-old girl who had been born to a detained illegal immigrant and spent her entire life behind bars.

Naomi Leong and her Malaysian mother, Virginia, were unexpectedly freed earlier this week from Sydney's Villawood detention center.

On Wednesday, Vanstone shocked a parliamentary hearing by revealing that her department was investigating 199 other cases of wrongful detention by immigration authorities.

Bill Farmer, the head of the department which is renowned for its unsympathetic approach to asylum-seekers, followed Vanstone at the hearing to issue an astonishing apology for the mishandled cases.

"We are intensely conscious that our day-to-day business affects the lives of people and it is distressing and unacceptable that our actions have in respects fallen so short of what we would want, and what the Australian people expect," he said.

"We are deeply sorry about that," he said.

## Rift in gov't

The scandal has opened up a rift in Howard's conservative government, with several lawmakers from his Liberal Party announcing this week that they would submit a bill requiring the release of children and their parents as well as long-term detainees from immigration detention centers.

In a bid to quell the revolt, Vanstone announced a series of measures to prevent future mistakes.

These included creating a special National Identification Verification unit to ensure complex issues were dealt with quickly and consistently and provide guidance to local case officers about carrying out identity checks.

Additional psychiatrists will also be assigned to the country's most notorious detention center at Baxter in remote South Australia.

But the scandal looked certain to continue, with the head of a body set up to investigate the Rau and Alvarez cases signaling that an open inquiry with judicial powers should be ordered to handle the explosion of cases revealed by Vanstone.

Mick Palmer, a former head of the Australian Federal Police, is due to hand in his report next month. According to ABC radio, Palmer has indicated it will take a more widespread inquiry with legal powers to tackle the growing number of cases of wrongful detention.

Vanstone said Thursday that the government would await Palmer's report before deciding how to proceed. *Reports by AFP and AP*

One of the World's Top Air-con Manufacturer
Markes OF CANADA
FLOOR SPLIT TYPE MODELS
• MSF-480 (5.0 HP) • MSF-280 (3.0 HP)
WINDOW TYPE MODELS
• MWA-90D (1.0 HP)
• MWA-120D (1.5 HP)
• MWA-180D (2.0 HP)
• MWA-240D (2.5 HP)
• MWA-60 (.60 HP)
WALL TYPE MODELS
• MSW-240D (2.5 HP)
• MSW-90D (1.0 HP)
• MSW-120D (1.5 HP)
• MSW-180D (2.0 HP)
• Sleek and elegant design
• High EER, low electrical consumption
• 5 year warranty on compressor
• Nationwide installation and after sales service
• FREE LABOR ON INSTALLATION (for split type models)
for the first 4.5 meters only. does not include materials.
FREE
WALL TYPE
Markes Blender model MFB-T610
WINDOW TYPE
Markes Water Dispenser model MWD-WRT3
FLOOR SPLIT TYPE
Markes Blender model MFB-T7610
promo period April 8- May 31,2005
PER DTI NCR PERMIT NO. 2021
SERIES OF 2005
OTHER PRODUCTS:
TOWEL WARMER · CHEST FREEZERS · SHOWCASE REF · WATER DISPENSERS · ICE MAKERS · TABLEWARE SANITIZERS/DRYERS · MULTI-PURPOSE BLENDERS · COUNTERTOP DISHWA
• Installers & Distributors are welcome•
www.LKG group.com
CONTINENTAL SALES, INC. #28 QUIRINO HIGHWAY, BALINTAWAK, QUEZON CITY, 1106 SERVICE HOTLINE: 362-5886-87 • 363-7193 • 366-3124

BEST COPY AVAILABLE

### 'ALARMING'

# Number of youth offenders on the rise

**By Cynthia D. Balana**

A TOTAL of 8,600 children in conflict with the law or youth offenders were reported from January to December last year, prompting the Department of Social Welfare and Development to strengthen its community-based outreach programs for families and youth.

The DSWD said the numbers were alarming, but could not say whether there was actually an increase in the number of cases reported from the previous year's total.

In 2004, there were 7,641 male offenders and 959 were female, mostly aged 9 to 24.

Social Welfare Secretary Corazon "Dinky" Soliman said that 7,026 of them were served though community-based services while 1,574 were served through center-based programs.

Community-based services include counseling, psychiatric, psychological, group/ therapy service, and legal service, educational, financial and livelihood assistance, medical/ dental service and referrals.

Center-based services, on the other hand, involve social, educational, medical, development, group living, dietary, homelife and placement services.

Soliman said the DSWD would consider expanding these services.

Types of crime committed were theft, robbery, rape, murder and violation of the Volatile Substance Law.

# North Rail squatters' relocation starts

THE RELOCATION of some 12,878 families living along the Bulacan segment of North Rail will begin today (May 27) according to Vice President Noli "Kabayan" De Castro, concurrent chairman of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC).

Immediately, the clearing of the Right-of-Way (ROW) of commercial and business establishments will be prioritized. Demolished business and commercial establishments are not entitled to any benefits.

Simultaneous to this, the initial target is to move 50 families in Meycauayan and 200 in Balagtas. "We are starting with the families who volunteered to move to the agreed relocation sites. The selection of relocation sites is beneficiary-led," De Castro said.

"We have already served the proper notices to the owners of these establishments two weeks ago, and we have given them ten days so they would have enough time to look for places where they could transfer," he said.

**DONATION TURNOVER.** Trustees and other officers of Children's Hour receive a check for P280,000 from the Philippine Daily Inquirer and its employees during the Children's Hour Turnover of Donations held Wednesday at the Intercon. In photo are (left to right): Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala II, trustee, Children's Hour; Ambassador Bienvenido A. Tan Jr., chair, Children's Hour; Ms. Celine Madamba, AVP, Strategic Marketing Communications, Philippine Daily Inquirer; Ambassador Narcisa L. Escaler, chair, Resource Mobilization Committee, Children's Hour; and Pedro E. Roxas, trustee, Children's Hour.

# *Children's Hour receives P2.5 M, tops P100 M in donations*

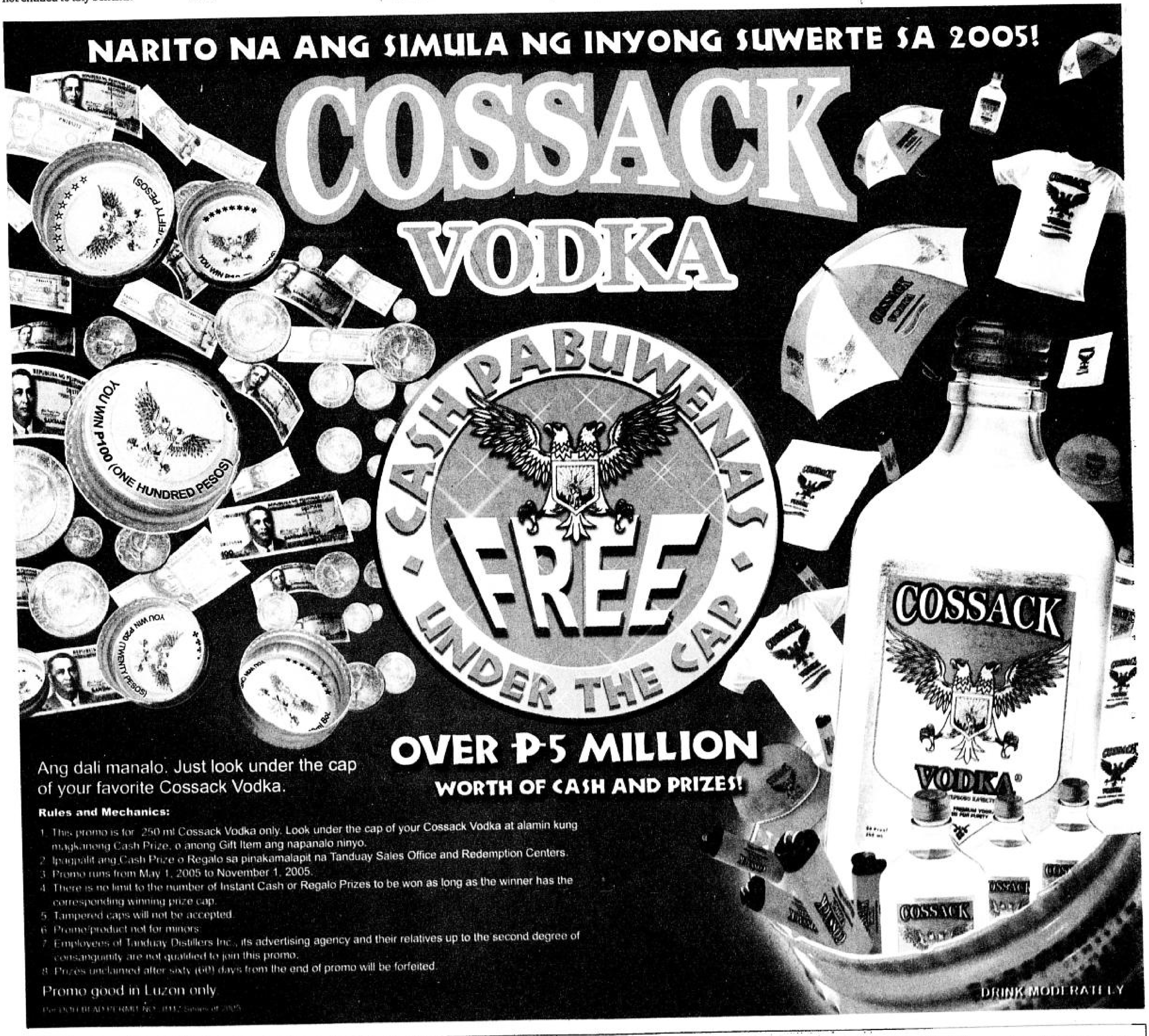
CHILDREN'S HOUR announced Wednesday that it had received close to P2.5 million from various benefactors during a ceremonial turnover of donations at the Hotel Intercontinental Manila.

Children's Hour is a fundraising organization that calls on individuals and companies to donate at least an hour of their annual earnings in support of programs committed to the welfare and development of Filipino children.

From a small project in 1999, Children's Hour now finds itself at the center of what it calls "unimagined generosity." In a press statement, it said it had raised close to P100 million and successfully funded 117 projects nationwide. It continuously encourages proponent organizations to send project proposals and for donors to never grow tired of giving hope to Filipino children.

This was the message of Ambassador Bienvenido Tan's opening remarks and the performances delivered by the children of Tahanan Outreach Projects & Services Inc. (TOPS) and Create Responsive Infants by Sharing, Philippines, Inc. (CRIBS).

BPI Foundation's "Panaghoy ng mga Bata," a continuing project for Bohol's underserved children, dealing in psychosocial trauma-healing, nutrition, sanitation, health, education, and values formation, was also launched. This project, dedicated to the victims of the recent food poisoning tragedy in Bohol, is a joint endeavor of BPI Foundation and Children's Hour.



NARITO NA ANG SIMULA NG INYONG SUWERTE SA 2005!
COSSACK
VODKA
CASH PABUWENAS
FREE
UNDER THE CAP
OVER ₱5 MILLION
WORTH OF CASH AND PRIZES!
YOU WIN P100 (ONE HUNDRED PESOS)
COSSACK
VODKA
DRINK MODERATELY

Ang dali manalo. Just look under the cap of your favorite Cossack Vodka.

**Rules and Mechanics:**

1. This promo is for 250 ml Cossack Vodka only. Look under the cap of your Cossack Vodka at alamin kung magkanong Cash Prize, o anong Gift Item ang napanalo ninyo.
2. Ipagpalit ang Cash Prize o Regalo sa pinakamalapit na Tanduay Sales Office and Redemption Centers.
3. Promo runs from May 1, 2005 to November 1, 2005.
4. There is no limit to the number of Instant Cash or Regalo Prizes to be won as long as the winner has the corresponding winning prize cap.
5. Tampered caps will not be accepted.
6. Promo/product not for minors.
7. Employees of Tanduay Distillers Inc., its advertising agency and their relatives up to the second degree of consanguinity are not qualified to join this promo.
8. Prizes unclaimed after sixty (60) days from the end of promo will be forfeited.

Promo good in Luzon only.

Per DOH BFAD PERMIT NO. [illegible] Series of 2005

PANG-ENGINEERING BA ANG GALING MO?

HANDS-ON TRAINING, DYNAMIC ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT,
AT HI-TECH FACILITIES ANG NAGHIHINTAY SA 'YO SA TIP!

ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE

• Chemical Engineering • Civil Engineering • Computer Engineering • Electrical Engineering
• Electronics and Communications Engineering • Industrial Engineering
• Mechanical Engineering • Sanitary Engineering • Architecture

**QUEZON CITY CAMPUS** 938 Aurora Blvd., Cubao,
Quezon City Tels. 911-0140 / 912-1539
**TIP SEASIDE MARITIME TRAINING CENTER**
Barangay San Rafael III, Noveleta, Cavite

**MANILA CAMPUSES** 363 P. Casal St.,
Quiapo, Manila • Tels. 733-9117 / 736-4208
1338 Arlegui St., Quiapo, Manila

ISO 9001:2000 CERTIFIED
www.tip.edu.ph

No Tuition Fee Increase
For School Year 2005-2006

Tugon namin sa pangangailangan ng panahon

TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF THE PHILIPPINES

In constant redefinition of academic life

Enroll now!

# PNP's biggest 'losers' are a very happy bunch

From page A1

uated yesterday from a weight-loss program run by the Abbott pharmaceutical firm, shedding a total of 1,000 pounds off their weight and 250 inches from their waistlines in just three months.

The "losers" walked down the catwalk in Camp Crame yesterday, showing off their substantially trimmed-down figures and brimming with newfound confidence.

"I'm very happy. My wife is very proud of me," said SP03 Diosdado "Ranny" Rañada, a traffic enforcer who admitted to having been the butt of jokes from the motorists that he regularly flagged down.

"They used to refer to me as the crocodile [*buwaya*]. They used to say, 'Man, look at his belly. Maybe he gets his lunch for free,'" a beaming Rañada told reporters.

"People really have low respect for cops who have bulging bellies, especially if you are from the Traffic Management Group," Rañada said.

"But now, I can sense that motorists have more respect for me. Even my colleagues respect me more," he said.

Abbott general manager Edwin Feist described Ranada's progress in the program as "amazing."

The 47-year-old police officer lost 38 lb in three months and now weighs 200 lb. His waistline also shrank from 46 to 38 inches.

The program—called "RED treatment" for Rx or doctor-prescribed medication, E for exercise and D for diet—was introduced in February by then PNP Director General Edgar Aglipay.

The officers underwent twice weekly aerobics and taebo classes. They were also taught how to control their eating habits, primarily by following a low-calorie diet.

They lost an average of two pounds a week, the rate that physicians consider safe.

Feist said a new batch of overweight police officers would be put through the program in June.

Aside from Rañada, the other top "losers" were Insp. Michelle Orcullo who lost 33.5 lb; P01 Arlene Crisol who lost 30.19 lb; Chief Insp. Luis Bautista, 27.98 lb; Chief Insp. Ma. Cristina Nobleza, 21.7 lb; P03 Larry Panibio, 21.5 lb; P02 Sonny Alcantara, 20.5 lb; Chief Ins. Vivian Abogada, 20.28 lb; P03 Jaylin Balingit, 19.8 lb; Sr. Supt. Walberto Wandin, 19.74 lb, and P02 Jose Castillo Jr., 19.04 lb.

**HE'S NOT** quite lean yet but SPO2 Diosdado Rañada struts his mean form minus the 38 pounds that he shed in three months. VAL HANDUMON

While praising the officers for going through the successful weight-loss program, Deputy Director General Ricardo de Leon warned them against reverting to their old eating habits.

"I saw many men who, after losing weight, went back to their old habits and gained even more weight," De Leon said.

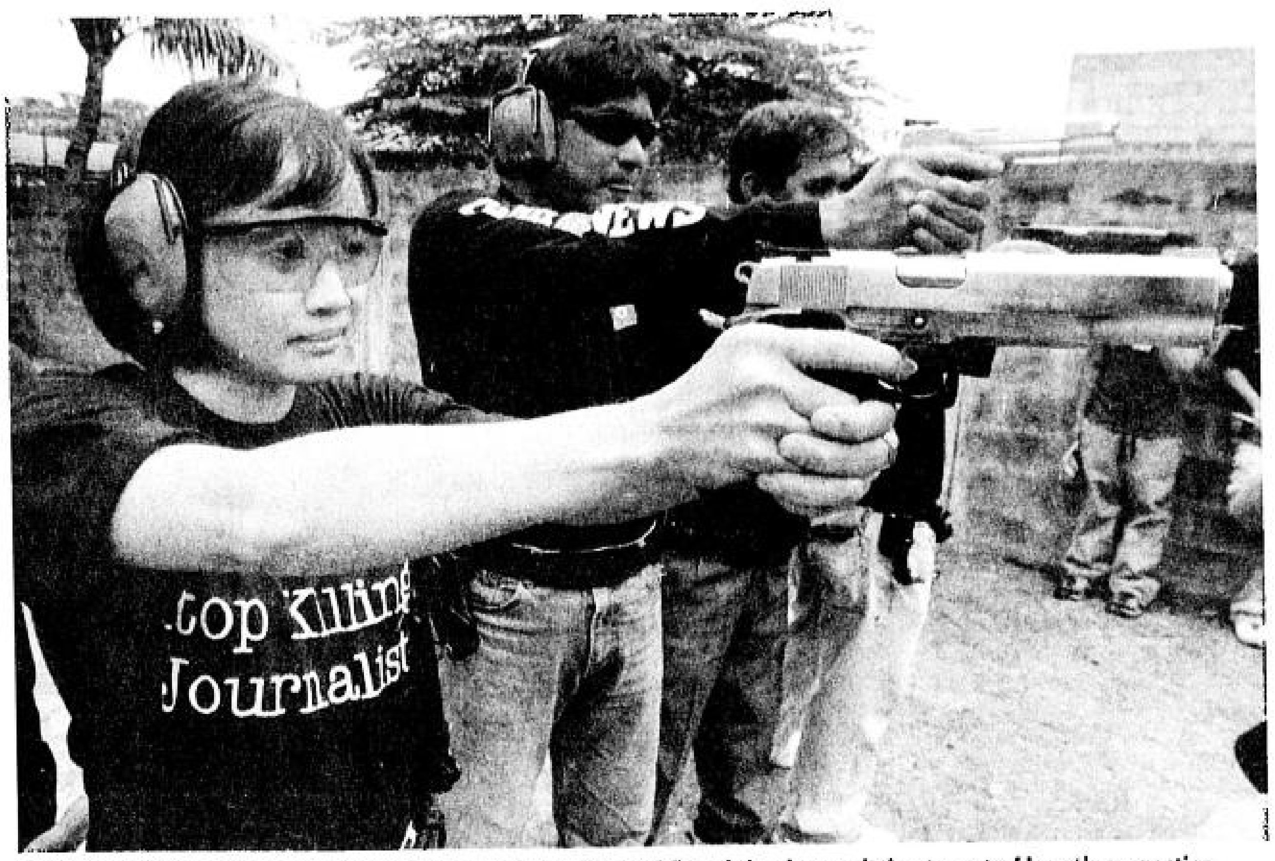
He also asked the officers to "put [in] the same discipline" that they did in the weight-loss regimen to their jobs.

De Leon said he was surprised to learn that his Philippine Military Academy classmate, Director Ruben Cabagnot of the Internal Affairs Service, had joined the program.

Cabagnot said he used to weigh about 180 lb and had all sorts of health problems. But after only three months of daily exercise, diet and medication, he now weighs about 162 lb.

"I feel better. I had problems with my cholesterol level, blood pressure, uric acid level, you name it," he said.

"But when I had a general checkup last week, my blood pressure was OK. My cholesterol level was down, only my sugar level was slightly above normal," he said.



**THEY** call their group Association of Responsible Media (ARM) and they're no sitting targets. Here they practice their marksmanship skills at the firing range in Camp Aguinaldo. REUTERS

# Journalists hone shooting skills

From page A1

hard-hitting commentaries against smugglers and crooked cops, traded shots with two men on a motorcycle earlier this month after he and a friend noticed their car was being followed in Valenzuela City.

The National Union of Journalists of the Philippines (NUJP) rejected the idea of reporters carrying weapons, but a growing number of them began arming themselves in Metro Manila and other cities after police endorsed self-protection for the media earlier this year.

"While I am not going to stop any journalists who think they ought to carry arms, I just hope they go through the legal process," said NUJP president Inday Varona.

"What the NUJP can do is to consistently reach out to them and tell them that this is not the answer."

**AN ARMY** soldier teaches a journalist how to handle and fire a pistol during target practice at Camp Aguinaldo on Thursday. REUTERS

But the failure of prosecutors to convict anyone for the murders of nearly 70 journalists since democracy was restored in 1986 with the overthrow of the dictator Ferdinand Marcos has made journalists skeptical of the government's ability to protect them.

"The violence is getting worse and, yes, the government is not doing enough and the justice system is very slow," said ARM president Joel Egco.

*Reuters*

A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

NOW AVAILABLE *

Losartan

100mg Tablet

@ ₱26.00

(SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE)

* This drug is approved for sale by BFAD as a prescription drug and should be bought only with a doctor's prescription. Ask your doctor for advice.

PHARMACOECONOMICS

B.A.S.I.C.

Bioequivalence & Affordability Sustain Intervention & Compliance

# New health chief wants docs to serve in RP first

**By Christian V. Esguerra**

INCOMING Health Secretary Francisco Duque III is looking into the possibility of requiring doctors to first serve in the country before leaving for greener pastures abroad.

The proposal is meant to slow down the departure of Filipino doctors, a great number of whom leave only to become nurses in countries like the United States and Canada.

"If all of our doctors leave, our health care system will collapse," Duque told reporters in a media forum in Quezon City. "It is in peril especially if our specialists leave just to become nurses abroad."

About 30 percent of the country's 100,000 registered doctors have been lured by better work opportunities in North America, according to Philippine Medical Association president Bu Castro.

Duque's proposal is patterned after an existing policy of the government-owned Philippine General Hospital.

The government training institution requires its doctors to serve in the country for a specified period. The years of service correspond, say, to the number of years doctors spend in training abroad.

One doctor, internist Antonio Dans, had said that he had to work at the PGH for at least six years after he completed a two-year fellowship training on clinical epidemiology and cardiology at the Mc Master University in Canada.

Duque was hoping that a similar system could be implemented in other medical centers or colleges of medicine to help the Philippines keep its doctors.

He suggested a "legally binding agreement" signed between a medical institution and a trainee. But the would-be doctor should be "willing to serve the country in his own volition," he said.

During his time, Duque said he also subscribed to a similar policy that brought him to far-flung communities. He was trained at the University of Santo Tomas in the Philippines and at Harvard and Georgetown universities in the US.

Such a system would be binding only if backed up by a law. Otherwise, he said trainees could simply invoke their constitutional right and ignore it.

"We have to recognize the fundamental human right of any individual who want to go abroad for further studies and training or for greener pastures," he pointed out. "This has to be balanced with the national interest."

While there was indeed a problem with doctors leaving for abroad, Duque said there was a need to improve the local environment that has been driving them away. He cited pending bills that "make life difficult for doctors."

"There has to be an overview of the environment, if this is really encouraging to our doctors," he said. "Is the policy environment so restrictive? Is it in fact helping them get out of the country?"

# Pinoy tops World Bank essay tilt

**By Nikko Dizon**

A FILIPINO recently won first the World Bank-sponsored essay writing competition and received a $5,000 cash prize, the Department of Foreign Affairs said yesterday.

Wilfredo Oliver Segovia's entry was adjudged the best among 1,200 entries from 108 countries, the DFA said in a statement.

Another Filipino, Wiko Kabiling, was among the nine finalists of the essay competition that had the theme Building a Secure Future, Seeking Practical Solutions.

The presentation of the nine finalists and the top prize was held in Amsterdam and was witnessed by Ambassador Romeo Arguelles of the Philippine Embassy, the Hague.

"Their achievement is definitely a proof that Filipino writers are world class," Arguelles said of Segovia and Kabiling.

According to Arguelles, the essay competition was part of the program of the two-day Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE) with the theme Securing Development in an Unstable World.

"The ABCDE is a unique platform designed to expand the flow of ideas between thinkers, practitioners, and policy makers within the field of international development," the DFA said.

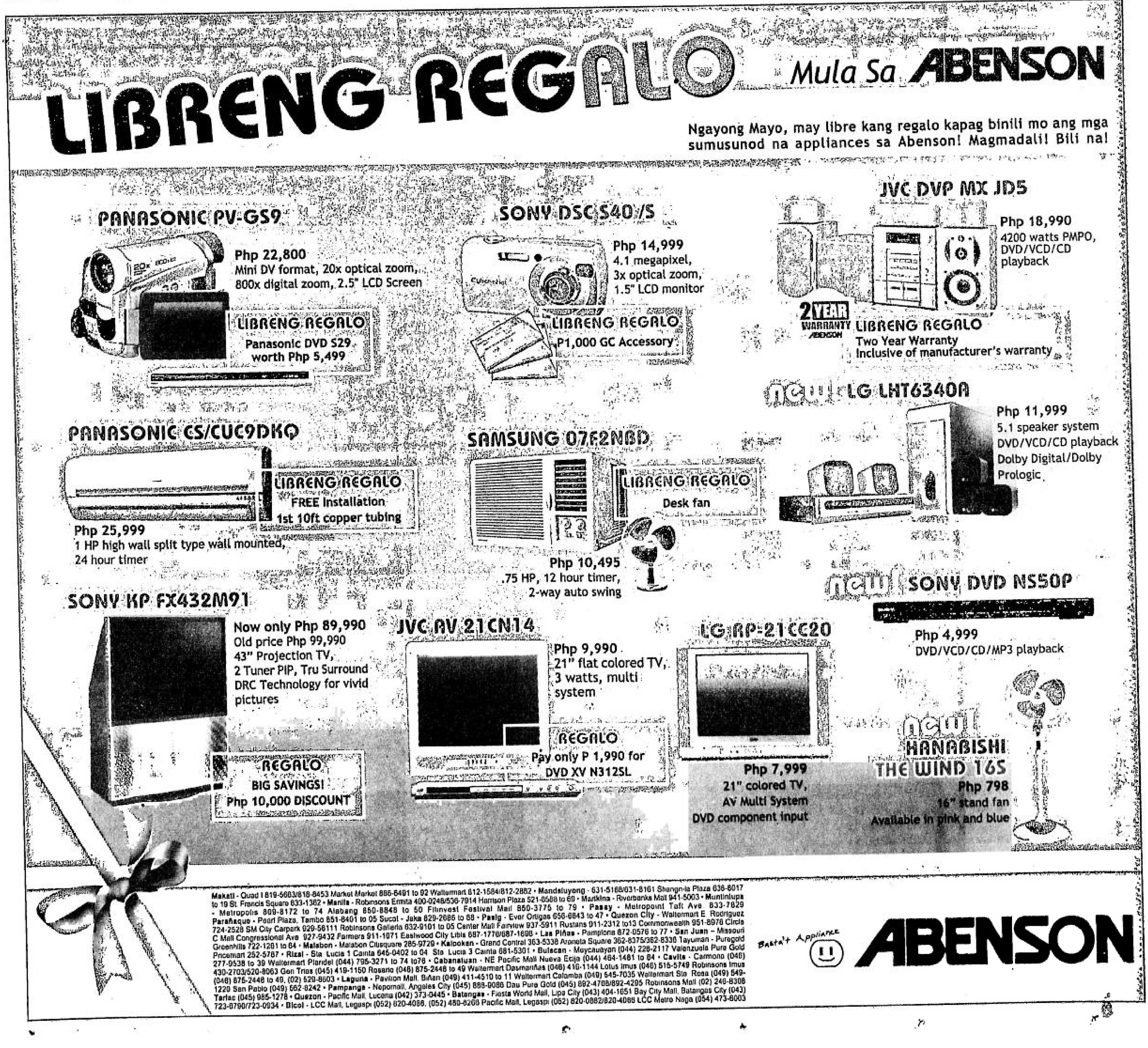
This year's essay competition focused on how the youth could learn practical solutions and the values needed in building a secured future and understand how they should deal with this challenge in their daily lives.

Respect. Trust. Honor.
JCB
JCB CARDS

Enriching your life.

JCB Credit Card. Honored anywhere in the world. Always within your reach.

For inquiries, please call 845-3475.


LIBRENG REGALO Mula Sa ABENSON

Ngayong Mayo, may libre kang regalo kapag binili mo ang mga sumusunod na appliances sa Abenson! Magmadali! Bili na!

PANASONIC PV-GS9
Php 22,800
Mini DV format, 20x optical zoom, 800x digital zoom, 2.5" LCD Screen
LIBRENG REGALO
Panasonic DVD S29 worth Php 5,499

SONY DSC S40/S
Php 14,999
4.1 megapixel, 3x optical zoom, 1.5" LCD monitor
LIBRENG REGALO
P1,000 GC Accessory

JVC DVP MX JD5
Php 18,990
4200 watts PMPO, DVD/VCD/CD playback
2 YEAR WARRANTY ABENSON
LIBRENG REGALO
Two Year Warranty
Inclusive of manufacturer's warranty

new! LG LHT6340A
Php 11,999
5.1 speaker system
DVD/VCD/CD playback
Dolby Digital/Dolby Prologic

PANASONIC CS/CUC9DKQ
LIBRENG REGALO
FREE Installation
1st 10ft copper tubing
Php 25,999
1 HP high wall split type wall mounted, 24 hour timer

SAMSUNG 07F2NBD
LIBRENG REGALO
Desk fan
Php 10,495
.75 HP, 12 hour timer, 2-way auto swing

new! SONY DVD NS50P
Php 4,999
DVD/VCD/CD/MP3 playback

SONY KP FX432M91
Now only Php 89,990
Old price Php 99,990
43" Projection TV, 2 Tuner PIP, Tru Surround DRC Technology for vivid pictures
REGALO
BIG SAVINGS!
Php 10,000 DISCOUNT

JVC AV 21CN14
Php 9,990
21" flat colored TV, 3 watts, multi system
REGALO
Pay only P 1,990 for DVD XV N312SL

LG RP-21CC20
Php 7,999
21" colored TV, AV Multi System
DVD component input

new! HANABISHI THE WIND 16S
Php 798
16" stand fan
Available in pink and blue

Makati - Quad I 819-5603/818-8453 Market Market 886-6491 to 92 Waltermart 812-1584/812-2882 • Mandaluyong - 631-5188/631-8161 Shangri-la Plaza 638-6017 to 19 St. Francis Square 633-1382 • Manila - Robinsons Ermita 400-0248/536-7914 Harrison Plaza 521-0588 to 60 • Marikina - Riverbanks Mall 941-5003 • Muntinlupa - Metropolis 809-8172 to 74 Alabang 850-8848 to 50 Filinvest Festival Mall 850-3775 to 79 • Pasay - Metropoint Taft Ave. 833-7829 Parañaque - Pearl Plaza, Tambo 851-8401 to 05 Sucat - Jaka 829-2686 to 88 • Pasig - Ever Ortigas 656-6843 to 47 • Quezon City - Waltermart E. Rodriguez 724-2528 SM City Carpark 929-58111 Robinsons Galleria 632-9101 to 05 Center Mall Fairview 937-5911 Rustans 911-2312 to13 Commonwealth 951-8978 Circle C Mall Congressional Ave 927-9432 Farmers 911-1071 Eastwood City Libis 687-1778/687-1698 • Las Piñas - Pamplona 872-0576 to 77 • San Juan – Missouri Greenhills 722-1261 to 64 • Malabon - Malabon Citisquare 285-9729 • Kalookan - Grand Central 363-5338 Araneta Square 362-8375/362-8330 Tayuman - Puregold Pricemart 252-5787 • Rizal - Sta. Lucia 1 Cainta 646-0402 to 04 Sta. Lucia 3 Cainta 681-5301 • Bulacan - Meycauayan (044) 228-2117 Valenzuela Pure Gold 277-9538 to 39 Waltermart Plaridel (044) 795-3271 to 74 to76 • Cabanatuan - NE Pacific Mall Nueva Ecija (044) 464-1481 to 84 • Cavite - Carmona (046) 430-2703/520-8063 Gen Trias (045) 419-1150 Rosario (046) 875-2448 to 49 Waltermart Dasmariñas (046) 416-1144 Lotus Imus (046) 515-5749 Robinsons Imus (046) 875-2448 to 49, (02) 529-8603 • Laguna - Pavilion Mall, Biñan (049) 411-4510 to 11 Waltermart Calamba (049) 545-7035 Waltermart Sta. Rosa (049) 549-1220 San Pablo (049) 562-8242 • Pampanga - Nepomall, Angeles City (045) 888-9086 Dau Pure Gold (045) 892-4708/892-4295 Robinsons Mall (02) 240-8308 Tarlac (045) 985-1278 • Quezon - Pacific Mall, Lucena (042) 373-0445 • Batangas - Fiesta World Mall, Lipa City (043) 404-1051 Bay City Mall, Batangas City (043) 723-8790/723-0934 • Bicol - LCC Mall, Legaspi (052) 820-4088, (052) 480-8200 Pacific Mall, Legaspi (052) 820-0882/820-4088 LCC Metro Naga (054) 473-8003

Basta't Appliance
ABENSON

# The WORLD

Editor Luverne B. Gueco

### VICE WOUNDED ZARQAWI

# Al-Qaida in Iraq names acting leader

**BAGHDAD—At least seven people were killed in attacks in Baghdad on Thursday, as al-Qaida's Iraq branch said in an Internet statement it has named an acting chief for its wounded leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.**

US lawmakers, meanwhile, rejected an attempt to force on the Bush administration a timetable for withdrawing American troops from the violence-wracked country.

An early morning car bombing and drive-by shooting killed two policemen, a civilian, a university lecturer and his three bodyguards, with insurgents pressing a campaign of violence that has killed over 600 so far this month.

"The car driven by a suicide bomber exploded around 7:30 a.m. next to a stationary police patrol in the (northwestern) Shola district, killing two policemen and a civilian," said an interior ministry source.

Four policemen and two civilians were wounded.

University lecturer Mussa Salum Abbas and three men traveling in his car died in a drive-by shooting in the capital's southern Al-Aalam district, the source said. The other men were believed to be Abbas's bodyguards.

Al-Qaida's branch in Iraq said it has named Abu Hafs al-Qarni as its acting chief, according to an Internet statement posted on an Islamist website whose authenticity could not be verified.

"The leaders met after our sheikh, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, may God cure him, was wounded, and decided to name a deputy chief until the return of our sheikh. May God return him to us safe and sound," said the statement.

"They decided that our honorable Sheikh Abu Hafs al-Qarni will be deputy (chief) to the *mujahedeen* (Islamic warriors)," said the statement by the information section of the al-Qaida Organization in the Land of Two Rivers.

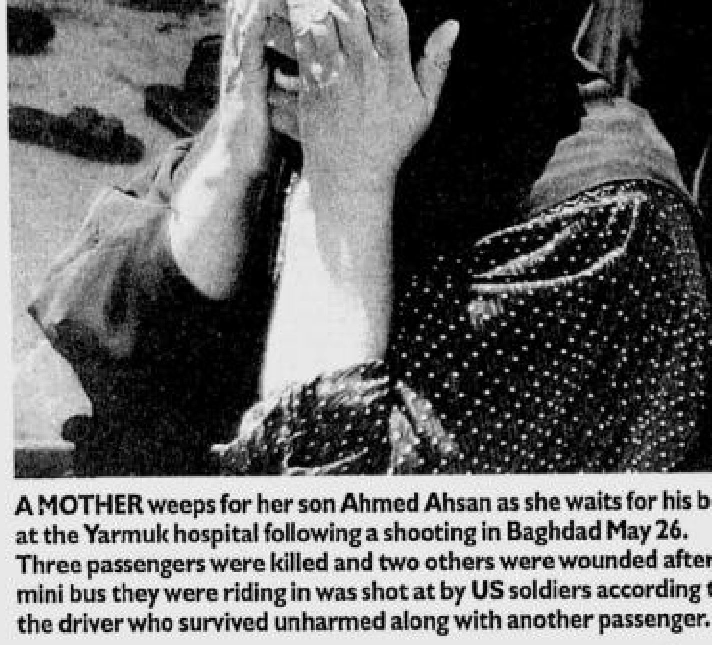
It announced Tuesday that Zarqawi, Iraq's most wanted man with a $25-million US bounty on his head, had been wounded.

The group vowed to carry on "*jihad*," or holy war, "until victory or martyrdom," repeating earlier calls for Muslims to "pray for the *mujahedeen* and pray for our sheikh, may God keep him."

Qarni was chosen because he is known to have "carried out the most difficult of operations, and our sheikh, Abu Musab, used to choose him and his men" to carry them out, Thursday's statement added.

US officials, who initially reacted skeptically to reports that Zarqawi was wounded, gave greater credence to the claims Wednesday although they said they still have not been able to confirm them.

The Washington Post quoted a Zarqawi lieutenant by the nom-de-guerre of Abu Karrar as saying the Jordanian militant was shot and wounded in fighting with US forces near the western city of Ramadi on Saturday and Sunday. *AFP*



**A MOTHER** weeps for her son Ahmed Ahsan as she waits for his body at the Yarmuk hospital following a shooting in Baghdad May 26. Three passengers were killed and two others were wounded after the mini bus they were riding in was shot at by US soldiers according to the driver who survived unharmed along with another passenger. AFP

# All US missions in Indonesia shut in wake of threat

JAKARTA—The United States closed all its diplomatic missions in Indonesia on Thursday until further notice because of a security threat, and police strengthened protection at several other major embassies.

The US Embassy in Jakarta did not give details of the threat, but Indonesian Vice President Jusuf Kalla told reporters it had been spread by e-mail and cell phone.

"I have consulted with the security minister on what has happened... This is only information spreading through e-mail and cell phones and which was later intercepted by American intelligence," Kalla said without giving details of the nature of the threat.

"We can understand (the closures) and our security forces are working to deal with this." Jakarta police chief Firman Gani, speaking to El Shinta radio station from outside the US mission, said police had also reinforced security at the embassies of Japan, Britain and Australia based on their own intelligence reports.

Islamic militants linked to al-Qaida have launched several bomb attacks in the world's most populous Muslim nation in recent years, including one last September outside the Australian Embassy in Jakarta which killed 10 people.

The closures come during a high profile visit to the United States by Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono.

"The embassy reminds all Americans that the terrorist threat in Indonesia remains high," the US Embassy said on its website (www.usembassyjakarta.org).

"Attacks could occur at any time and could be directed at any location, including those frequented by foreigners and identifiably American and other Western facilities or businesses in Indonesia."

An embassy spokesperson, Max Kwak, declined to elaborate.

Besides its heavily fortified embassy in central Jakarta, the United States has consulates in the city of Surabaya in East Java province and on the resort island of Bali. There is also a US representative office in the city of Medan in Sumatra.

Police armed with automatic weapons have been stationed outside the Jakarta embassy for the past few years, along with cement barricades. Security on Thursday appeared little changed. *Reuters*

**SORRY IS HARDEST WORD**
Budjari Aborigine Max Eulo attends an indigenous reconciliation event during the 8th National Sorry Day in Sydney May 26. National Sorry Day reflects the human impact of the forcible removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families. AFP

MURA, MATIBAY, MAGANDA AT GAWA PA NG PILIPINO
- Mayor Joselito L. Atienza
Manila City Mayor

MEMBER:
FILIPINO INVENTORS SOCIETY (FIS)
- UNIQUE
- ARTISTIC
- DURABLE
- ALL RIVETED WITH SOLID STEEL FRAME

NAVARRO PATENTED SCHOOL CHAIR*
DECS APPROVED
*IMITATION IS PUNISHABLE BY LAW
A.C. NAVARRO PATENTED PRODUCTS
50 TAYTAY ST., MAYPAJO, CALOOCAN CITY
Tel. Nos.: 288-7172 • Telefax: 288-3689

CHINA SUPER VALUE HIGHLIGHTS
BUY NOW!
THE HOTTEST CHINA TRAVEL DEALS ON Air Philippines

| | |
|---|---|
| 3D/2N Shenzhen w/ Hongkong City Tour | THURSDAYS $99 |
| 1N Hongkong / 1N Shenzhen | THURSDAYS $109 |
| 3D/2N Shenzhen with Windows of the World | THURSDAYS $139 |
| 3D/2N Hongkong Compulsory | THURSDAYS $139 |
| 6D/5N Hongkong-Shenzhen-Macau-Guangzhou | SATURDAYS $229 |
| 6D/5N Shenzhen-Beijing with Shanghai Day Tour | SATURDAYS $299 |
| 6D/5N Shenzhen-Guilin+Hongkong | SATURDAYS $319 |
| 6D/5N Shenzhen-Shanghai-Beijing | SATURDAYS $329 |
| 6D/5N Shenzhen-Shanghai-Xian | SATURDAYS $419 |
| 6D/5N Shenzhen-Shanghai-Jiuzhaigou (The Fairyland in China) | SATURDAYS $599 |
| 6D/5N Shenzhen-Dongguan-Zhuhai Golf Tour | SATURDAYS $699 |

FOR INQUIRIES AND RESERVATIONS, CALL:
UNION TRAVEL • (02) 524.3943-44 | 525.3034/45 | 338.8223
WINLINK TRAVEL • 02) 525.6306 | 404.1249 | 0918.349.8685
TRANSNATIONAL TRAVEL • (02) 753.3388 | 533.7731 | 431.4629
SKYNET TRAVEL CORP. • (02) 521.7596-98 | 400.0509-10
YOYO HOLIDAYS • (02) 382.0717/20/22 | 0926.880.6662

TACKLES ANY LAMINATING JOBS, BIG OR SMALL
FUJIPLA LAMIPACKER
JAPAN NO. 1 LAMINATOR

Lamipacker Boy
LPC-1506

ONE YEAR FREE SERVICE and SERVICE PART
- FOR TAMPER PROOF
- DURABLE ID'S
- LIGHT AND PORTABLE
- ECONOMICAL
- EASY TO OPERATE

Original Plastic films and Rolls are readily Available
Call us for a FREE DEMONSTRATION NOW

SOLE PHILIPPINE IMPORTER HANTEX TRADING CO., INC.
Suite 901 9th flr., Tytana Plaza, Plaza Lorenzo Ruiz, Binondo, Manila
Tels.: 241-0558; 241-0244; 241-0281; 241-0078
THE LEADER IN THE LAMINATING FIELD

IF ANYTHING CAN GO WRONG IT WILL GO WRONG!
- MURPHY'S LAW

KEEP HANDY ALWAYS!

Liquid Paper
LIQUID PAPER
LIQUID PAPER

You'll never know when you're gonna need it!
PAPER MATE
LiQUiD PaPER
Correction Fluid and Pen

"RISE" Fluidized Bed Dryer & Cyclonic Husk Furnace
Widely used in Thailand for Rice and Corn

CYCLONIC HUSK FURNACE
FLUIDIZED-BED DRYER

1. High Moisture Reduction 6~10% in 2~3 minutes
2. Uniform (Even) Moisture Content Grain Output
3. Higher Milling Recovery
4. Less Moving Parts (Less Maintenance)
5. Higher Output Capacity Per Hour
6. Minimal Space Requirements
7. Direct Hot Air Design (No Boiler Tubes)
8. Smokeless, Odorless & Complete Combustion
9. No Need Water for Ash Discharge
10. Easy to Operate

Cyclonic Husk Furnace can be sold separately and can be adapt to any kind of dryers
Other Products: Rice Milling Plant, LSU Continuous Flow Dryer, Pneumatic Huller, Husk Aspirator (Closed type), Vertical Polishers, Mist Polishers, Grader, Moisture Meter, Bucket Elevators, Burners
Please Call: (0917) 7120989 / (0918) 9010101 Manila Office: (02) 2447949 / 2447912

COPIERS Sales/Rentals
RICOH • Canon • Olivetti • Savin
Also Available : LIQUID COPIERS

P 15,000. ONLY
POWDER TYPE FT 3320 15 CPM
BRAND NEW! RICOH FT 3813 BEST FOR BUSINESS
P 49,900. ONLY
BRAND NEW CANON FC 290 FOR PERSONAL USE
P 15,000. ONLY
RECON FULL COLOR DIGITAL COPIER
P 15,000. ONLY

PARTS & SUPPLIES AVAILABLE FOR MOST COPIER BRANDS!
COPYTRADE®
Copytrade Bldg. 550 MF Jhocson St. Sampaloc, Manila ( Beside Nat'l Univ.)
Tels. 749-8155 to 56
781-3472 • 749-8216
www.copytrade.com.ph
- RINGBINDERS / LAMINATORS CUTTERS/BLUEPRINT/RISO
- FAX MACHINES. ETC.
- ACCEPT COPIER RENTALS FOR SHORT EVENTS
- BUY/TRADE-IN OLD COPIERS

Brand New. Good Location. Good View
BAGUIO VACATION APTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| P2,500/day | 2BR | 5 Beds |
| P3,500/day | 3BR | 10 Beds |

Annual rates available

Extra Beds/ cooking Allowed Spacious Garden for Jogging/Biking. Foggy . Beautiful Sunset View. Clubhouse w meeting rooms & Fireplace

Pines Garden Villas Subd.
Asin Road, Baguio Circumferential Road
09189395629. 09189403711.0744455546. 8522466

British Red Cross
Caring for people in crisis

Invitation to Tender for the Construction of Private Houses in the Maldives

As a result of the devastating Tsunami many private houses were destroyed in the Maldives. The British Red Cross Society in cooperation with the Government of the Maldives is planning to undertake and finance the construction of 744 private houses, on three Atolls. The estimated time frame would be from July/August 2005 and throughout 2006. Laamu Atoll (island of Isdhoo 42 houses, Mabaidhoo 56 houses and Fonadhoo 49 houses); Meemu Atoll (island of Kolhufushi 170 houses); Thaa Atoll (island of Vilufushi 250 houses and Madifushi 177 houses).

Building Contracting Companies, with experience of large scale housing projects, who wish to participate in this tender process, must have the capacity to undertake the simultaneous erection of minimum 50 houses (further details are given in the Tender Documents). The houses may vary in size and layout but a sample layout exist, approximately 86 sq.m., as indicated in the Tender Documents.

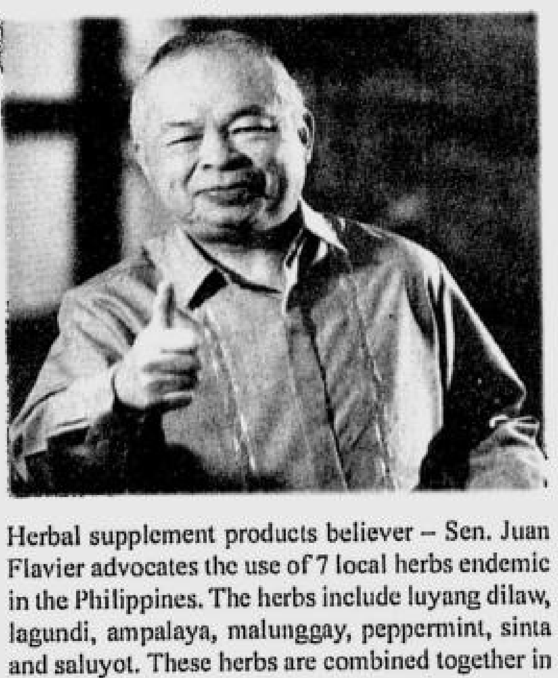
Additional information could be provided on request by e-mailing BRCSMaldivesTender@redcross.org.uk.

The bidder should have executed minimum two similar projects within the last seven year period from the following categories:

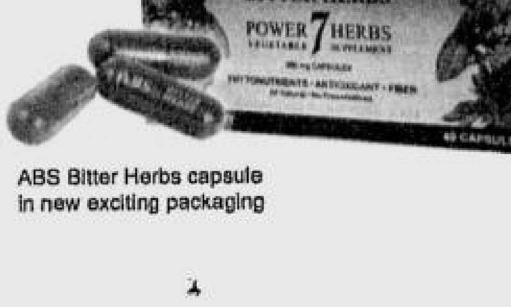
1. *Large scale housing projects having a considerable magnitude, indicatively minimum around 50 units*
2. *Having undertaken projects of US Dollars 1 million or more*
3. *Experience of working on remote and logistically complicated place with scattered buildings of considerable magnitude, around US Dollars 1 million*
4. *Experience from modular prefab structures for scattered units of significant magnitude as indicated above*

Qualified Building Contracting Companies will receive all necessary tender documents on CD-ROM (bidder needs access to MS Word, MS Excel and Adobe Acrobat Reader) against payment of a non-refundable fee of US Dollars 300-., payable to Dalal Mott MacDonald Pvt Ltd, Bank of India, Ellisbridge Branch, Ahmedabad, SWIFT BKIDUS33, Account No. CD 8011. The tender must be submitted latest 15 June 2005, at GMT12:00 (noon) as instructed in the Tender Documents.

"Aba, ABS Herbs na Ako!"



Herbal supplement products believer – Sen. Juan Flavier advocates the use of 7 local herbs endemic in the Philippines. The herbs include luyang dilaw, lagundi, ampalaya, malunggay, peppermint, sinta and saluyot. These herbs are combined together in ABS Bitter Herbs capsules which works synergistically to provide all the essential plant vitamins and minerals, anti-oxidants and fiber that the body needs to survive the onslaught of diseases.The senator a former doctor to the barrio regularly takes the product every morning before proceeding to his office in the Senate. He says "hindi ako umaalis ng bahay na hindi umiinom ng ABS Bitter Herbs capsule." Flavier emphasized that herbs and vegetables are a low-cost and safe complement or alternative to high priced medicines in helping cure common or debilitating ailments. He says that at the onset, Filipinos should eat lots of vegetables and fruits, drink plenty of water to detoxify the body of toxins, exercise regularly, quit smoking and live a stress-free life. The senator's campaign is embodied in his new slogan "Mag-gulay para humaba ang buhay!" to encourage Filipinos to use herbs and vegetables to keep them healthy. ABS Bitter Herbs capsule is fully packed with vitamins and minerals specifically natural vitamin E, iron and calcium. ABS Herbs is the only Philippine herbal supplement company listed by the NSF International – The Public Health and Safety Company. The product is available at Mercury Drug and leading drugstores nationwide.



ABS Bitter Herbs capsule in new exciting packaging

# Car bomb detonated in Madrid

MADRID—A car bomb injured at least 52 people in the Spanish capital on Wednesday in an apparent rebuff by Basque separatist guerrillas ETA to government peace overtures.

The bomb, in a stolen van, blew up in an industrial zone in northeastern Madrid 45 minutes after a Basque newspaper received a warning in the name of ETA, officials said.

The warning gave police time to seal off the area, but dozens were hurt by flying glass or the force of the blast.

The bomb, estimated to contain up to 20 kg of explosive, turned the van into a mangled lump of metal, wrecked about 10 parked cars and smashed windows in nearby buildings, including an Opel car showroom, witnesses and news reports said.

Emergency services treated 52 people at the scene, five of whom had to be taken to hospital, a spokesperson said.

"The terrorist organization ETA continues to be alive, active and operational and we are fighting it with all our determination," Interior Minister Jose Antonio Alonso said.

He urged Spaniards to "lower the noise level" after an unprecedented parliamentary vote last week raised speculation over a possible ETA truce to a new pitch.

The blast appeared to be a ETA's defiant response to the vote that granted the government permission to open peace talks with the group if it laid down its arms.

The bomb came two days after French police detained three suspected ETA members and hours before two leaders of Batasuna, banned as the political wing of ETA, were due to appear in a Madrid court to answer charges of belonging to ETA. *Reuters*

# Michael Jackson defense rests case

SANTA MARIA, Calif. —Michael Jackson's lawyers rested their defense on Wednesday after comedian Chris Tucker described the mother at the center of the child molestation case as "possessed" and said he warned the pop star about her months before sex abuse accusations surfaced.

"Your Honor, the defense rests," lead Jackson attorney Tom Mesereau told the judge after calling 50 witnesses over 15 days intended to cast doubt on the motives and background of the young accuser and his family.

Jackson did not testify and despite a star-studded witness list that once included more than 300 people —including film legend Elizabeth Taylor and basketball star Kobe Bryant—the defense sharply curtailed its case over the past two weeks.

But in a surprise move at the end of Wednesday's court session, Jackson's lawyers told Superior Court Judge Rodney Melville that they may use their brief "surrebuttal" case to again cross-examine Jackson's now-15-year-old accuser.

Defense lawyer Robert Sanger said they wanted the boy back if prosecutors were allowed to put on a videotape of his interview with police in which he outlined his accusations against the 46-year-old Jackson.

Prosecutors began a brief rebuttal case on Wednesday, which will be followed by an even shorter defense response. Closing arguments were expected to begin next week. *Reuters*

idec®
AIRCONDITION
Split Type Aircon
1hp P16,500
1.5hp P18,500 2hp P25,000
Free Installation!
Call 8866696/7880221
Available at MC Home Depot -Makati, Fort Bonifacio & Ortigas

SUNCUE
BIOMASS GRAIN DRYER
SUPER-W Series
Fast Drying & Cost-Efficient
Computerized Temperature Control
NO Fuel Needed
Exclusive Distributor H&E
H & E ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED
Block 5 Lot 4, First Tondo Complex
2150 Velasquez St., Tondo, Manila
TEL: (632)255-3938; 255-3944; 255-3961
FAX: (632)255-3679
E-mail: heel@i-manila.com.ph
ALSO AVAILABLE VARIOUS MILLING EQUIPMENT

EMBARRASSED by BAD BREATH?
It's amazing breakthrough in medical technology Therabreath System™ a U.S. product effectively eliminates *bad breath, bitter/sour taste, phlegm in throat, pasty saliva, post nasal drip, awful morning breath.* Bad Breath is caused by sulfur producing bacteria on your tongue & throat not in stomach or sinus. That's why mouthwashes and capsules don't really work. Free use of *Halimeter* to detect the source of bacteria and monitoring bad breath condition.
Free delivery w/in Metro Manila
Money back guarantee
Tel: 890-8380; 895-5532; 897-2466
Cel# 0917-7965859;0919-5109455

Ideal Location
VITO CRUZ TOWER II
Pablo Ocampo Sr. Ave., Malate, Manila
Own a unit for as low as
P17,875 monthly
CITYLAND Leading Condominium Developer (Presidential Awardee)
812-2222
243-6565
www.cityland.net
investment@cityland.net

Enchanted Kingdom
The Enchanted Kingdom
will be closed for an exclusive booking
on the following days:

May 07, Saturday
10am - 10pm
Integrated Microelectronics Incorporated (IMI)
&
May 28, Saturday
10am -12noon
Philips Group of Companies
The park will be open to the public 12noon - 10pm

For inquiries, please call 8302111 to 16 or 8436073 to 78
or visit www.enchantedkingdom.com.ph.

SOGO Home & Office Center
SMART START
Step forward and start a new life with these amazing best-priced items that will lead you to the top.
SAVE as much as 50%

| Item | Reg Price | Sale Price |
|---|---|---|
| KELLY Children's Study Table w/ Chair | P1,196 | P598 |
| TOVI Secretarial Table | P2,196 | P1,098 |
| IAN Medium Chair w/ Arms | P1,665 | P998 |
| MT200 Clerical Table | P2,850 | P1,998 |
| MT201 Executive Table | P4,280 | P2,998 |
| SARI Study Table* | P2,920 | P1,898 |
| TURVEY Computer table w/ chair | P3,996 | P1,998 |
| DEREK Bookcase | P4,396 | P2,198 |
| PATRICE Wardrobe Cabinet* | P3,996 | P1,998 |
| YUAN Sofa Bed | P9,996 | P5,998 |
| KD 1511 Wooden Post Single Bed w/o mattress* | P4,996 | P2,998 |
| KD Honey Star Single Bed w/o mattress* | P5,220 | P3,395 |
| KD 8322 Double Deck w/ Pull-out and 3-pc mattress* | P12,300 | P7,998 |
| DYNA 2-pc Sofa Set | P15,360 | P9,998 |
| YASMINE 3-pc Sofa Set | P14,658 | P8,795 |
| ASHANTI 3-pc Sofa Set | P14,280 | P9,998 |
| SHERYL 3-pc Sofa Set | P12,850 | P8,995 |
| MOOLA Sofa Bed w/ Drawer | P19,990 | P11,995 |
| MIEL Center Table w/ Glass Top* | P2,895 | P1,695 |
| KD 2922 Bedframe w/ Matress (60x75)* | P15,150 | P9,890 |
| SUNNY Dining Set for 6 | P15,996 | P7,998 |
| LOTUS Dining Set for 4 | P8,000 | P5,790 |
| PARSONS Wardrobe Cabinet | P7,995 | P5,995 |

HOT Items for as low as P20!

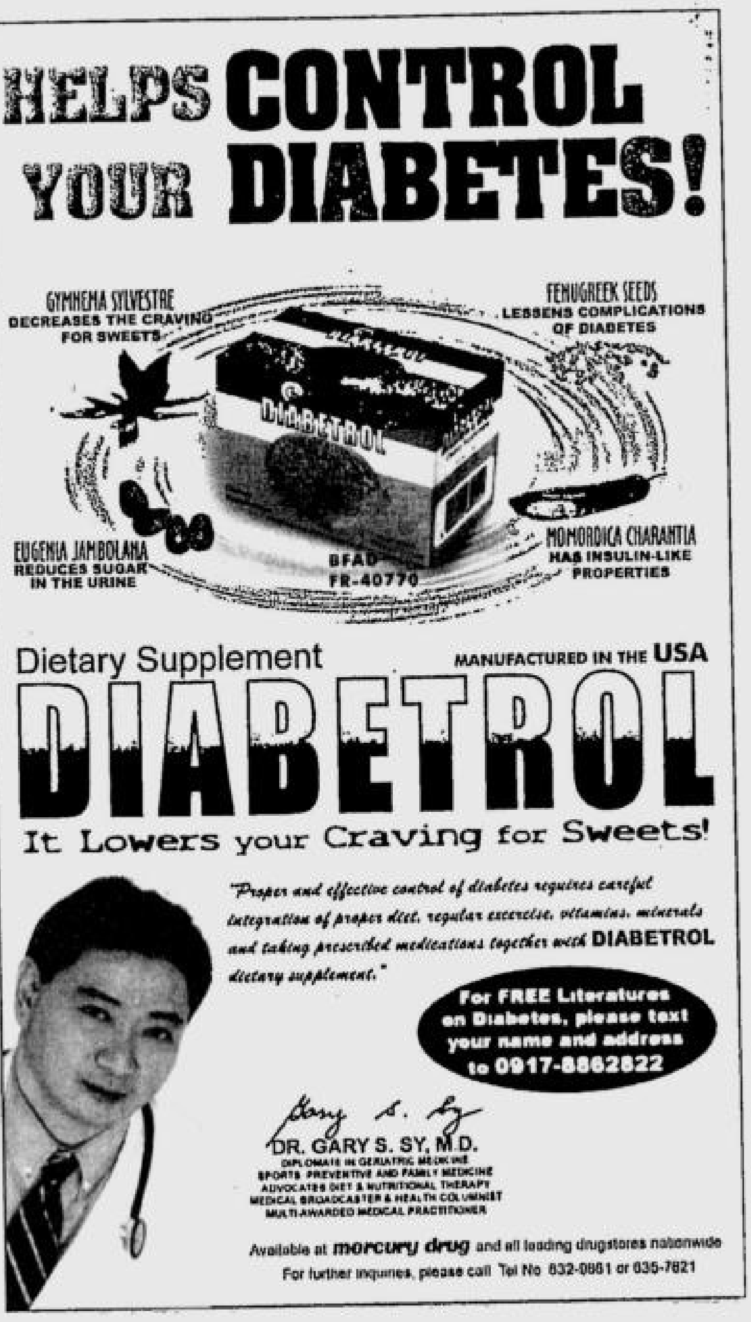
| Item | Price | Condition |
|---|---|---|
| PILLOW | P20 only | w/ every 2,000-4,999 minimum purchase |
| STUDY LAMP | P50 only | w/ every 5,000-9,999 minimum purchase |
| CLOTH HANGER | P100 only | w/ every 10,000-24,999 minimum purchase |
| Vinyl Closet* | P200 only | w/ every 25,000 & up minimum purchase |

*Accessories not included
Promo period from May 27 to June 30, 2005
Per DTI-NCR Permit No.3027, Series of 2005

SOGO Home & Office Center
- Level 4, Robinsons Place Metro East, Pasig City Tel# 647-8805 to 06
- Alimall, Cubao Tel# 912-6601 ; 912-6604 ; 912-6606 ; 912-0782
- 2nd Flr. Zabarte Town Center, Caloocan City Tel# 962-4185 to 86
- 2nd Flr. Tutuban Center Mall1 Tel# 252-8165 ; 230-4185

*Watch out for Furniture Exhibit at Lower Ground Level*
*Metropolis Alabang Mall on June 10, 2005*

LOSING HAIR? DON'T LOSE HOPE.
Losing your hair can be a big problem, regardless of how old you are.
It could adversely affect your confidence, self-esteem, image and looks.
But now, hair loss isn't necessarily hopeless.
Thanks to Nu/Hart, you can now restore your own natural hairline through hair transplantation, a minor office-based procedure.
Nu/Hart Hair Clinic Manila is backed by a rich, 15-year history of over 25,000 individual hair restoration procedures performed on men and women from over 40 countries at 11 Nu/Hart centers worldwide.
A Nu/Hart hair transplant is:
- Permanent & growing
- Natural, using your own hair
- Maintenance-free
- Affordable
- No monthly visits
- No ongoing expenses
Consultations Available in CEBU & DAVAO
0% INTEREST MONTHLY PAYMENT PLANS AVAILABLE
Call or visit us now for a FREE CONSULTATION.
638-6000
26/F Wynsum Plaza, 22 F. Ortigas Jr. Road (formerly Emerald Avenue) Ortigas (Behind Discovery Suites)
visit our website at www.nuhart.com
or email us at manila@nuhartme.com
NU/HART HAIR CLINIC
There's a new you waiting at Nu/Hart.
Manila • New York • Chicago • Atlanta • Pittsburgh • Philadelphia • Denver • Puerto Rico • Dubai


HELPS CONTROL YOUR DIABETES!
GYMNEMA SYLVESTRE DECREASES THE CRAVING FOR SWEETS
FENUGREEK SEEDS LESSENS COMPLICATIONS OF DIABETES
EUGENIA JAMBOLANA REDUCES SUGAR IN THE URINE
MOMORDICA CHARANTIA HAS INSULIN-LIKE PROPERTIES
BFAD FR-40770
Dietary Supplement
MANUFACTURED IN THE USA
DIABETROL
It Lowers your Craving for Sweets!
"Proper and effective control of diabetes requires careful integration of proper diet, regular excercise, vitamins, minerals and taking prescribed medications together with DIABETROL dietary supplement."
For FREE Literatures on Diabetes, please text your name and address to 0917-8862822
Gary S. Sy
DR. GARY S. SY, M.D.
DIPLOMATE IN GERIATRIC MEDICINE
SPORTS PREVENTIVE AND FAMILY MEDICINE
ADVOCATES DIET & NUTRITIONAL THERAPY
MEDICAL BROADCASTER & HEALTH COLUMNIST
MULTI-AWARDED MEDICAL PRACTITIONER
Available at mercury drug and all leading drugstores nationwide
For further inquiries, please call Tel No 832-0881 or 835-7821

### AMID PROPHECIES OF DOOM

# China has vaccine which blocks bird flu

BEIJING—China has developed vaccines that block the spread of the deadly H5N1 strain of bird flu among birds and mammals, Xinhua news agency reported, as scientists in the west warned of a possible global pandemic killing millions.

Scientists fear that avian flu, which is infectious in birds but does not spread easily among humans, could mutate into a form more capable of passing from animals to people.

The H5N1 strain first surfaced in poultry in Hong Kong and China eight years ago and has killed 37 people in Vietnam, 12 in Thailand and four in Cambodia.

Global health officials fear it could mutate into a strain that could rival the 1918 Spanish flu pandemic that killed between 20 and 40 million people.

"Experiments show the efficiency rate of the newly developed vaccines in preventing infection by the H5N1 virus is 100 percent," Chen Hualan, director of the China National Bird Flu Reference Laboratory, was quoted as saying in an overnight report.

China's Ministry of Agriculture had given its approval, and a sales permit, for the vaccines, Xinhua said, without mentioning whether the treatments had been evaluated outside the country.

The agency said supplies of the new vaccines had already been sent to far-flung western Qinghai province, where China has been scrambling to contain its first breakout since late 2004 after 178 geese were found dead of the H5N1 virus on May 4.

Health departments in the provincial capital Xining and prefectures around the province had been mobilized to prevent the spread of the disease, Xinhua quoted Ai Keyuan, an official with the provincial health bureau, as saying.

Local departments were being told how to dispose of bird droppings and hospitals in the affected county had opened separate departments for screening patients with fever and to observe people who had close contact with the birds.

"All hospitals have been told to set up a task force and put aside medication and facilities for the treatment of any avian flu cases that might be detected," Ai said.

The new vaccines also prevented the spread of avian flu from migratory birds to waterfowl, which could easily pass the disease to domesticated birds, Xinhua said.

China was willing to provide technical anti-epidemic support to other countries and poultry farms in Vietnam had begun experimenting with the Chinese vaccines, it said.

"Time is running out to prepare for the next pandemic," said Michael Osterholm, of the University of Minnesota, on Wednesday in a special section of the journal Nature devoted to avian flu.

"There is a critical need for comprehensive medical and non-medical pandemic planning at the ground level that goes beyond what has been considered so far."

Scientists say any bird flu pandemic will likely start in Asia and could kill many millions.

New influenza strains have caused pandemics in the past, most recently in 1956-1957 and 1967-1968, killing a combined 4.5 million people. *Reuters*

## *Expert says China dismally unprepared for bird flu crisis*

PARIS—China remains woefully ill-equipped for tackling avian flu, a top scientist said, as other experts spelt out fears that hundreds of millions of people may die or fall sick if the virus triggers a global pandemic.

David Ho, an internationally-renowned US researcher, said China had received a wakeup call in 2003 after its initially tardy and secretive response to Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS).

But the new political will to strengthen China's rickety medical infrastructure had yet to be matched on the ground, and this has left the country dangerously exposed to avian influenza, Ho said.

"There is little doubt that China will be in deep trouble if the flu pandemic were to strike in the next few years," Ho, who works at the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York, said in a commentary published by the British science journal Nature.

"It has a moral obligation to its own people, and to the world, to rectify the situation as soon as possible."

The problems highlighted by Ho include a "grossly underfunded" epidemiological system to spot disease outbreaks; an inefficient alert system to warn and advise hospitals, doctors, officials and the public; and decrepit healthcare infrastructure and poorly trained physicians.

Other specialists, likewise reporting in an issue of Nature dedicated to the avian flu crisis, reiterated worries that a highly contagious form of bird flu could soon emerge and sweep the globe, helped by jet travel, open borders and the lack of a vaccine.

"A human flu pandemic could cause 20 percent of the world's population to become ill," said Ron Fouchier, Thijs Kuiken, Guus Rimmelzwaan and Albert Osterhaus of the Erasmus Medical Centre in Rotterdam, quoting figures from a 2004 study.

"Within a few months, close to 30 million people would need to be hospitalised, a quarter of whom would die. Although these figures are speculative, they are among the more optimistic predictions of how the next flu pandemic might unfold." *AFP*

## India, Pakistan start talks on glacier standoff

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan—Nuclear-armed India and Pakistan began talks on Thursday on two bitter border disputes, including their military standoff on the Siachen Glacier, the world's highest battlefield.

A ceasefire has been in place across the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir, including Siachen, since November 2003.

But India and Pakistan, which have fought three wars since independence in 1947 and went close to a fourth in 2002, remain far from resolving their dispute over the divided territory, which has cost tens of thousands of lives since 1989.

Several thousand soldiers have died on the Siachen Glacier, a battle zone standing between 5,400 meters and 6,600 meters up the mountains of northern Kashmir.

But more have died from the extreme cold, altitude and avalanches than from enemy fire.

The Siachen talks, in Rawalpindi, a garrison city adjoining Islamabad, involve senior defense ministry officials and will last two days. They will be followed by two days of talks on demarcation of Sir Creek, an Arabian Sea estuary.

Uninhabitable and far from insurgent areas, analysts say Siachen could easily be disconnected from the broader Kashmir dispute.

Both sides expressed optimism on the eve of the talks, but a stumbling point to any phased troop withdrawals has been India's insistence on verifying the actual positions of the two armies.

Pakistan has been reluctant to submit to this as it says India took the ground through aggression.

Indian army chief Gen. Joginder Jaswant Singh said any decision would safeguard Indian interests.

"We want basically to be clear that the present positions on the ground, called the Actual Ground Position Line, that is authenticated in some way or the other so that we safeguard our interests for the future and we disengage from such deployments after that," he told reporters in New Delhi.

"That's fundamental," he added.

The peace process begun in early 2004 has moved slowly, but a meeting in New Delhi between Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf and Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh last month fed hopes.

"We have been given directions by (our) respective political leadership to move ahead," Defense Secretary Ajai Vikram Singh, the head of the Indian delegation, said on arriving in Pakistan. "The atmosphere is definitely positive."

Pakistani Defense Secretary Tariq Waseem Ghazi said there were "positive signs."

Singh dismissed a report in the Indian Express newspaper that said he would propose steps to reinforce the ceasefire without reducing the number of troops on the glacier.

The paper said India would call for a ban on artillery fire and violation of air space and seek a freeze on existing troop levels and "an understanding with Pakistan on no aggressive maneuvers by either side to capture additional points." *Reuters*

makro
Free MEMBERSHIP
Easy MEMBERSHIP*
* subject to terms and conditions
Sumali na agad and get your Makro card in minutes!
Here's how:
1. Visit the customer service counter
2. Fill up the application form
3. Get your card immediately
Kaya magmadali! Come on down to the nearest Makro branch and get your free membership! It's so easy!
The place of absolutely the lowest wholesale prices and biggest volume discounts.
29"
Zapporo
Color TV 29" Z-2933TV
• Cable Ready
• 2 Speakers
• Front AV Input
• NTSC-M
• Remote Control
• 1 Year Warranty
P6,999
PROTECH DVD Player PDD-5030
• Plays CD/VCD/DVD/MP3
• 5.1 Channel
• Progressive Scan
• w/ Karaoke Function
• New Model
• 1 Year Warranty
P1,699
333 Cooking Oil 1 Kg
P39/pack
P663/Box
Krystal Mist Drinking Water 350ml x 12
P4.50/Bottle
P54/Pack
Nestlé
Great Taste
Lactum
Marlboro
Gran Matador Brandy
Knorr
PHILIP MORRIS
Colgate Value Pack
nissin
Coca-Cola
FUNDADOR
Modess
ZEST-O

# Japanese split over how to deal with Yasukuni

By Isabel Reynolds

TOKYO—A solemn memorial to those who died for their country or a detested symbol of Japan's past militarism and the cause of fractious ties between two of the world's largest economies?

Sixty years after their nation's World War Two defeat, ordinary Japanese still don't seem to agree on Tokyo's Yasukuni Shrine—dedicated to the nation's 2.5 million war dead—and indeed about the war itself.

They also appear divided on what to do about relations with China, Japan's biggest trading partner.

Beijing's resentment over Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's visits to the shrine sparked a diplomatic row this week when Chinese Vice Premier Wu Yi abruptly cancelled a meeting with Koizumi and cut short her visit to Tokyo.

"I understand why China criticizes, but I don't think Prime Minister Koizumi can just bow to China and stop going," said Toshinori Iijima, a 34-year-old employee of an architectural firm. "It's a difficult problem."

Yasukuni, whose name means "peaceful country," was founded in 1869 and funded by the government until 1945.

Japanese leaders including Koizumi have apologized several times for atrocities committed before and during World War Two, when Japan colonized the Korean peninsula and invaded China.

But the prime minister and other politicians have kept paying their respects at Yasukuni, where 14 Class A war criminals convicted by a 1948 Allied tribunal are enshrined with war dead.

That has prompted accusations from Asian neighbors that Japan's repentance is not sincere. Some Japanese agree.

"We have not done enough," said 67-year-old Masahiko Tosaka, a retired trading company employee, when asked about Japan's apologies.

"We did unspeakable things in Asia," he said, recalling brutal wartime actions such as forced labor and military experiments with biological weapons in China.

Many Chinese and South Koreans are also angry over Japan's approval of textbooks that critics say gloss over Tokyo's wartime atrocities, and argue that Japan's failure to own up to its past means it doesn't deserve a permanent UN Security Council seat.

Angry Chinese pelted the Japanese Embassy with bottles and stones during demonstrations in Chinese cities in April.

"If I were Chinese or Korean I would not forgive," said Tosaka. "I think the demonstrations are a matter of course."

Some Japanese, however, feel that offering fresh apologies won't help improve ties with the two Asian neighbors.

"Especially with China and South Korea, I feel that however many times we apologize, it will never be enough," said 36-year-old estate agent Makoto Nagaima, who was visiting Yasukuni from his home in Akita, northern Japan.

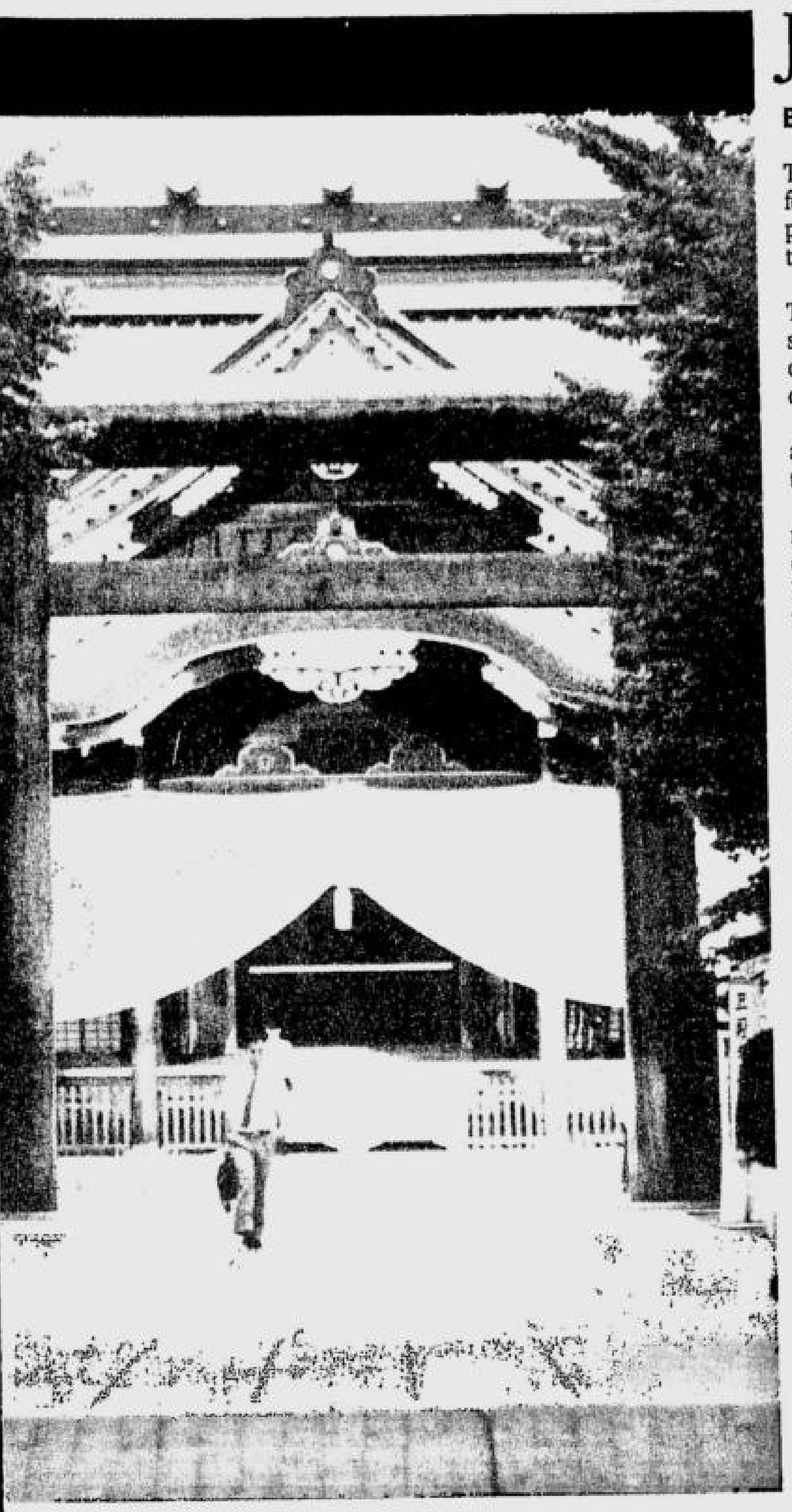
"Do we have to spend our whole lives making up for it?" he asked, as he smoked a cigarette outside a cafe near the shrine. For some in Japan, it is China that appears insincere.

"I don't think there's anything wrong with the visits," said a 25-year-old unemployed woman in Tokyo's Ginza shopping district.

"I think Yasukuni is just something China finds useful to bring out whenever it finds itself in an awkward situation."

But many Japanese favor compromises over Yasukuni and the interpretation of history to soothe wounded feelings in Asia.

"Japan makes too much of Yasukuni," said Nagaima, whose grandfather is among those honored at the shrine. *Reuters*



**YASUKUNI** Shrine is seen at sunset in Tokyo in this July 12, 2004 photo. Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's visits to Yasukuni Shrine has sparked a diplomatic row this week with Beijing. REUTERS

# Previously secret FBI records cite detainee claims of Koran abuse

WASHINGTON—Terror suspects at the Guantanamo Bay prison told US interrogators as early as April 2002, just three months after the first detainees arrived, that military guards abused them and desecrated the Koran, declassified FBI records say.

"Their behavior is bad," one detainee is quoted as saying of his guards during an interrogation by an FBI special agent on July 22, 2002. "About five months ago the guards beat the detainees. They flushed a Koran in the toilet."

Lawrence Di Rita, chief spokesperson for Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, said Wednesday that US military officials at Guantanamo Bay had recently found a separate record of the same allegation by the same detainee, and he was re-interviewed on May 14. "He did not corroborate his own allegation," Di Rita said.

Asked why he felt certain that this detainee did not affirm his allegation out of fear of retaliation, Di Rita said, "It's a judgment call, and I trust the judgment of the commanders more than I trust the judgment of al-Qaida."

The statements about guards disrespecting the Koran echo public allegations made many months later by some detainees and their lawyers after the prisoners' release from Guantanamo Bay in Cuba. The once-secret FBI documents show a consistency to the allegations and are the first indication that Justice and Defense department officials were aware in early 2002 that detainees were accusing their guards of mistreating the Koran.

One told an interrogator in March 2003 that guards had repeatedly mishandled the Koran. This detainee asked why the United States, as a supporter of freedom of religion, was using the Muslim holy book as a weapon.

Still another said in October 2002 that he and other detainees had been "beaten, spit upon and treated worse than a dog."

Separately on Wednesday, Amnesty International urged the United States to shut down the prison, calling it "the gulag of our time." White House spokesperson Scott McClellan said that the human rights group's complaints were "unsupported by the facts" and that allegations of mistreatment were being investigated.

In its annual report, Amnesty accused the United States of failing to live up to its responsibility to set the standard for human rights protections. Rather, the group said the United States has been the biggest disappointment "after evidence came to light that the US administration had sanctioned interrogation techniques that violated the UN Convention against Torture."

Some 540 men are being held at Guantanamo Bay on suspicion of links to Afghanistan's ousted Taliban government or the al-Qaida terror network. Some have been jailed for more than three years without charge. The Defense Department argues that the detention prevents these enemy combatants from fighting against the United States.

Di Rita said the charges of deliberate Koran desecration by US military personnel were "fantastic" and "not credible on their face" because US commanders were careful not to inflame passions among the detainees. *AP*

---

## NOTICE

**THE TAGAYTAY GRASSLAND COMPANY (Developer) and GREEN SQAURE PROPERTIES CORPORATION (Owner) by virtue of the Joint Venture Agreement has filed with this board a sworn registration for the sale of subdivision lots at CANYON WOODS RESIDENTIAL RESORT PHASE IV-A-1 located at Diokno Highway, Brgy. San Gregorio, Laurel, Batangas specifically described as Lot Nos. 43,44,45,46,49,50,51,52, Block 2, Psd-04-022140. The Project is under PD 957. The subdivision plan is already approved by the Land Management Sector (LMS) dated 8 June 2004.**

**All Papers relative thereto shall upon request and payment of processing fee is available for inspection during business hours by any person having legal interest thereon.**

**Absent legal impediment, the above-cited project is deemed registered and a certificate in evidence thereof shall forthwith be issued after ten (10) days from last day of publication.**

**Quezon City, Metro Manila. 10 may 2005**

**(Sgd.) BELEN G. CENIZA**
**Director**

---

**AIR MATERIEL WING SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, INC**
Corner Boni Serrano and 18th Avenues, Murphy,
Cubao, Quezon City 1109
Tel: 911-3030
(connecting all departments) Fax: 911-3426

## NOTICE

The Board of Trustees regrets to announce that due to a Temporary Restraining Order dated May 23, 2005, issued by the Regional Trial Court of Pasay City, Branch 117, the Special Election for three (3) seats in the AMWSLAI Board of Trustees scheduled May 27, 2005, at the AMWSLAI Office, Villamor Air Base, is postponed.

The resetting of the date of the Special Election shall be announced in due time.

For the Board of Trustees:

*(signed)*
**ANSELMO R GERONIMO**
Corporate Secretary

---

RICOH COPIERS
OPEN MONDAY TO SUNDAY
Powder Type P 15,000
TONER & PARTS
Ricoh, Sharp, Canon, Minolta, Toshiba, Selex, Mita, Gestener, Riso, Konica, Lanier
AVAILABLE:
Lease to own/Rental
(We accept trade-in)
HEAVEN COPY HAUZ
GSIS BLDG. ANONAS COR. PUREZA ST., STA. MESA MANILA
TEL.: # 780-0302 / 339-2551 / 339-2552 Cell.# (0917)764-1470
AUTHORIZED DEALERS
LUZON:
Tarlac (045) 8000409 Dasma Cavite (046) 8501027
Silang Cavite (046) 8653014 Naga (054) 4724438
Daet (054) 4403317 Iriga (054) 6552024
Legaspi (052) 8203345 Masbate (054) 3332793
VISAYAS
Cebu (032) 4134146 Iloilo (033) 3295511 Tacloban (053) 3253441
Catbalogan (055) 2512206
MINDANAO:
Davao (082) 3003505 Cagayan de Oro (088) 2313850
Cotabato (064) 4216239

AVAILABLE in Blue, Red, Green and Black colors

MAKE YOUR MARK
Introducing the new Uni-ball Eye Needle Point models *UB-165* and *UB-167*. It has a steel tip for more smooth, stylish and enjoyable writing until the last drop.
uni
EXCLUSIVE DISTRIBUTOR:
Lupel Marketing Corporation 718 Quirino Ave., Parañaque City 1701
Tel. nos. 851 - 6053, 851 - 6057 Fax : 851 - 6054

on key
BEST PRODUCTS AWARDEE
BusinessWeek
USA TODAY
INTERNET ENABLED

BEYOND MERE MAGIC!
built-in OPM & ENGLISH songs
EXCLUSIVE FEATURES
- USB PORT
  To download songs from a designated website and pay only for songs you like www.onkeysongs.com
- PITCH CORRECTION
  Automatically corrects pitch at the press of a button, so you NEVER SING OUT OF TUNE!
- DUET AND HARMONY
  Allows the user to sing with a virtual partner- a duet or a second voice in real time.
- VOICE TRANSFORMATION
  Techno voice, Robotic, spaceman, male to female, female to male, adult to child, child to adult.
- REVERB SETTINGS
  5 reverb settings to select from to sound like you're singing in a shower, auditorium, mansion, stadium, or on a mountaintop.
- REAL TIME SCORING
  Scores you on timing and pitch on each note and provides an average score at the end of the song.
now...anyone can sing
on key
videoke microphone
BEST PRICE:
P 7,500.00
*AVAILABLE NATIONWIDE AT:*
ABENSON • AMBASSADOR APPLIANCES • AUTOMATIC CENTRE • AVID SURFER • AVID BRANDS • AVESCO • EVER EMPORIUM • DIGITAL SOLUTIONS • MAKRO • SHOPWISE • SOGO • TRUE VALUE • 5th AVENUE • JMD (Raon) • FIRSTASIAN • MICRO J (Sta. Lucia) • ASL ELECTRONICS (Cubao; Riverbanks) • SAVER'S MART (Pampanga) • MAGIC APPLIANCE (Pangasinan) • OCAMPO'S (Bataan; Zambales) • OPTIMUM TRADER (Dumaguete) • NIG MARKETING (Panay, Bacolod) • CEBU CIRCUIT CITY • SOUNDROOM (Cebu)
VIDEO VOX corporation
311 Quadstar Bldg., Ortigas Ave., San Juan City
Tel. No.: 725-6772 • 721-2877 Fax No.: 744-1031
Website: www.videovox.biz
DESIGNED AND ENGINEERED BY
IVL Technologies
VICTORIA, CANADA

ISSN 0116-2642
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
Vol. 20 No. 168
Email: feedback@inquirer.com.ph website: http://www.inq7.net

# OPINION

Text us your feedback: inquirer opi name/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

The Philippine Daily Inquirer, Inc. has its business and editorial offices at
• Chino Roces Ave corner Yague and Mascardo Sts., Makati City
• P.O. Box 2353 Makati Central Post Office 1263 Makati City
• Our telephone numbers are 897-8808 connecting all departments
• Editorial Fax 897-4793 / 897-4794 • Advertising 897-4807
• Circulation 527-3342 / 527-3348 / 528-0183 / 528-0186 and 528-0213 / Fax: 528-02-34.
• 100% soy ink •

*Publisher* **Isagani Yambot**
*Editor in Chief* **Letty Jimenez-Magsanoc**
*Managing Editor* **Jose Ma. D. Nolasco**
*Associate Editor* **Abelardo S. Ulanday**
*Associate Editor for Readership* **Rosario A. Garcellano**
*News Editor* **Artemio T. Engracia Jr.** • *Chief, News Day Desk* **Nilo B. Paurom**
*Opinion Editor* **Jorge V. Aruta**
*National Editor* **Pergentino B. Bandayrel Jr.**
*City Editor* **Gerry Lirio**
*Senior Desk Editor* **Juan V. Sarmiento Jr.**
*Editorial Consultant* **Amando Doronila**
*Chief Photographer* **Ernie U. Sarmiento**
*Art & Design Director* **Lynett A. Villariba**

*Board Chairman* **Marixi R. Prieto**
*President* **Alexandra Prieto-Romualdez**
*Senior Vice President for Sales and Marketing* **Renato R. Reinoso**
*Senior Vice President for Corporate Services* **David O. Valdes**
*VP for Advertising* **Felipe R. Olarte**
*AVP for Circulation* **Gloria P. Lardizabal**

All rights reserved. Except as permitted by law, no part of the Philippine Daily Inquirer may be reproduced or distributed in any form or by any means stored in a database or retrieval system without its prior written permission.

# High cost, low quality

**EDITORIAL**

TENS of thousands of Filipino parents bought into pre-need educational plans because they wanted to assure quality education for their children. In the beginning, such plans were premised on the assumption that government-imposed limits on tuition increases would persist. When the government "liberalized" education in the early 1990s, pre-need companies were faced with a choice of either limiting benefits to plan holders to the amounts assumed when the plans were sold, or to simply honor the plans as open-ended commitments to their clients.

Companies such as the College Assurance Plan decided to pay out benefits to plan holders above and beyond what had been assumed when the plans were sold. This worked for a surprisingly long period of time. However, when concerns over the fiscal viability of this commitment began to erode the financial prospects of such companies, and government launched investigations and put a stop to the frantic selling of new plans to finance old ones, the whole system collapsed.

The result is the demise of a genuinely Filipino innovation—the pre-need educational plan—and untold misery for hard-working families who put their faith in these firms. The manner in which the industry collapsed does not speak well of how both the executive and legislative branches of government handled their responsibilities. However, educational institutions themselves have, so far, and unfairly, escaped their fair share of the blame.

When the government lifted the cap on tuition, it did so on the urging of educators who maintained that the bulk of the increases would be used to increase the salaries of teachers and improve school facilities. The brain drain had already severely handicapped education in this country, and a wider latitude in determining fees was, educators insisted, something that would ultimately raise the quality of education.

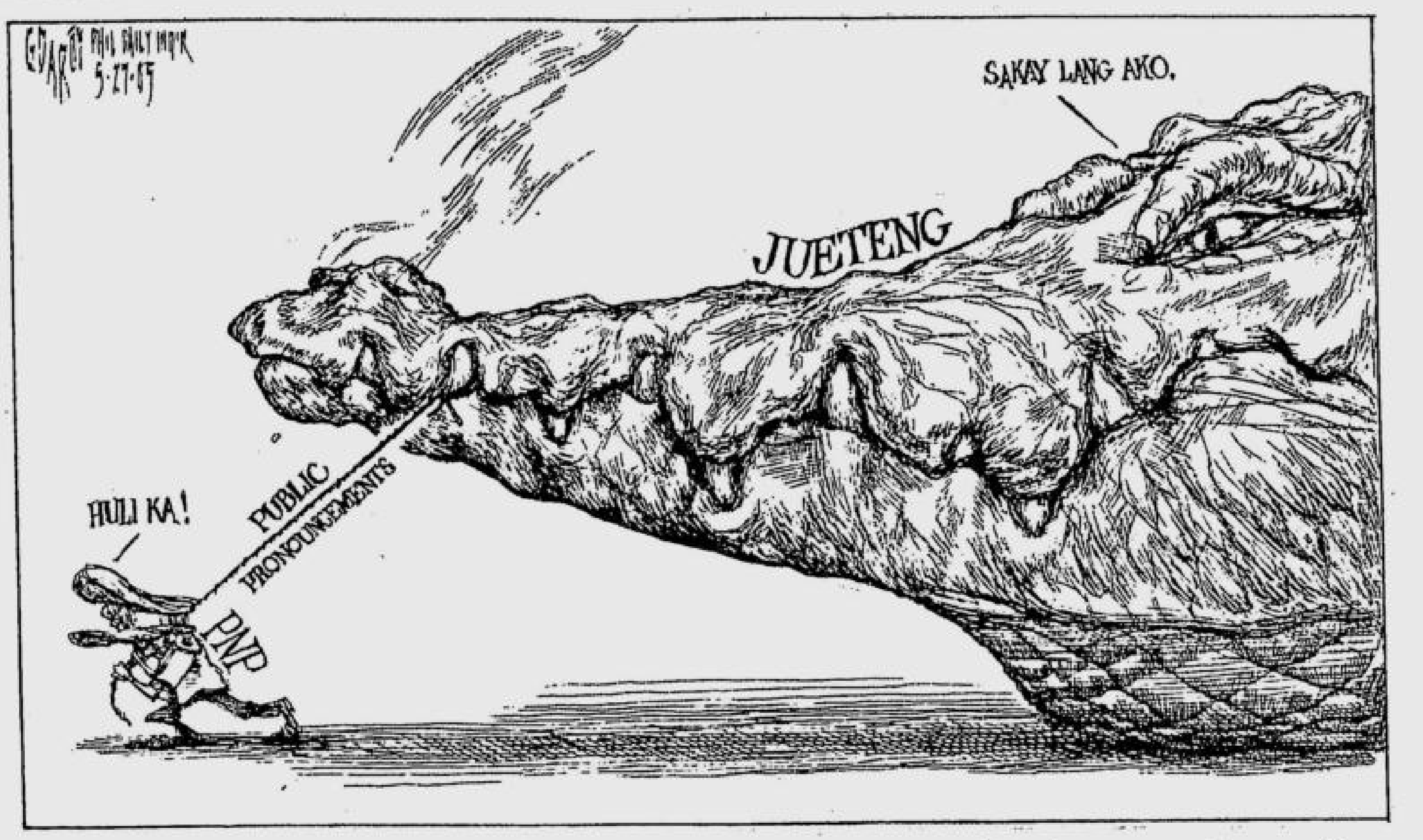
International test results, however, have shown that the quality of education has not improved—at all levels. This is particularly glaring when one considers how most private educational institutions have continued to pay dismal salaries to their staff, while charging higher fees for academic and non-academic services and tuition.

Already caught between a rock and a hard place, parents have increasingly resorted to transferring their children to public elementary and high schools (which, surprisingly enough, are also in many instances increasingly able to attract teachers from private schools as they now apparently pay competitive wages) and state colleges and universities. Aside from very well-known schools which don't feel the need to actively compete, only the diploma mills churning out nurses, for example, are showing increases in attendance.

Parents and students alike know that quality comes at a cost, but the increasing cost of education hasn't resulted in an increase in quality. What they have resulted in, apparently, is an increase in profitability. Education is big business, at all levels.

The country's leading economic players have aggressively entered the education market—Lucio Tan in the University of the East and Thames, Alfonso Yuchengco in Mapua—injecting an entrepreneurial approach to education, which wasn't there even when prominent families with business and political interests (the Laurels and Lyceum of the Philippines, or the Tañadas who used to own Manuel L. Quezon University) established and managed colleges and universities. It is not unreasonable to expect that the widening exposure of prominent businessmen in the field of education will inject a more profit-oriented attitude toward the running of the institutions they've bought, as shown, for example, in the highly emotional debate over the absorption of Mapua into the newly minted Malayan University of the Yuchengcos (who themselves are facing difficulties with their educational pre-need firm, Pacific Plans).

We do not want a return to a regulated regime, as far as the management of institutions of higher learning are concerned. But it is time for the boards, faculties and students of such institutions to seriously consider where profit making and education serve complementary, or mutually exclusive, purposes. If the Commission on Higher Education, for example, due to political pressure, cannot shut down substandard institutions, can it be expected to enforce even minimum standards of quality? And if not, doesn't this place a heavy, but urgent, burden on parents and working students?



# What's WHO doing to lower medicine prices?

**AS I SEE IT**

*Neal H. Cruz*

ALL RIGHT, all right, the Villar couple (Senator Manny and Representative Cynthia) are the richest members of Congress. And to think that not so long ago they had to sell a small bank because they were hard up due to the real estate crash. Not a bad recovery.

But how much did they pay in annual personal income taxes for the last few years that they have been the topnotchers on the Senate and House lists of multimillionaire members? The Bureau of Internal Revenue owes it to the taxpayers, particularly those it is running after for more taxes, to reveal how much the millionaire members of Congress paid in income taxes.

How can we make more taxpayers pay correct taxes if the government does not dispel the common impression that the richer members of the population cheat on their taxes? The first step to dispel that is to show how much the rich paid in taxes, beginning with public officials who are paid from the taxes collected. If what they paid is proportionate to their declared assets, then all is well. But if they are not, then something is wrong somewhere.

The compulsory filing of statements of assets and liabilities was instituted so that we can trace how the wealth of public officials grow (or wither) during the years they are on the public payroll. Some of them, perhaps planning to get richer while in office, inflate their assets so there wouldn't be a big jump when they leave office. This is very easy to do since they don't have to pay anything in proportion to their assets nor do they have to explain how they got their assets. Besides, there are no rules on how to value one's assets. Some give the current market value, according to their own estimates, and thus the value of their assets go up because of inflation. Others give the acquisition cost (like Sen. Juan Flavier, making him the poorest senator), so their assets are naturally deflated.

We will make public officials more honest if their declared assets are compared to the income and property taxes they paid. Also, the people will know how to vote more wisely if they know how much taxes candidates paid.

* * *

**Still on the high cost of medicines, why doesn't the World Health Organization, aside from joining a misleading and confusing propaganda campaign of multinational pharmaceutical companies against "counterfeit" and "fake" drugs, do more to reduce medicine prices? This is its most important responsibility. Smuggling and the manufacture of fake medicines flourish because of the high cost of genuine ones.**

**Only last May 17, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) said that "lack of commitment from the leadership of WHO is crippling the effort to improve access to affordable versions of needed drugs."**

**MSF has been campaigning since 1999 to improve access to essential medicines. "For years, we have had to watch our patients die for lack of effective, affordable drugs," it said. It called on WHO "to advocate more vocally for public health concerns at the World Trade Organization (WTO) and its TRIPS (Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights) Council, and to defend more staunchly the rights of member states to incorporate measures in their legislation that protect access to medicines and to develop a clearer vision in global equity pricing for essential medicines."**

**WHO's Regional Office for the Western Pacific admits that:**

**(1) "Lack of access to essential medicines remains a serious public health problem in many countries of the Western Pacific Region."**

**(2) "There are several reasons for high prices, including lack of price competition...and the lack of alternative sources for patented medicines."**

**In response to the concerns of member states, WHO drafted a Regional Strategy for Improving Access to Essential Medicines in the Western Pacific Region 2005 to 2010. Among the tasks outlined in its strategy paper is that WHO would:**

**(1) "Support the development of local price monitoring systems for selected essential medicines and information exchange on prices of essential medicines."**

**(2) "Provide support to countries for implementation of and improvements to policies on generic medicines."**

**(3) "Support countries to assess their policies on health trade, and intellectual property."**

**(4) "Support collaboration among member states in such areas as price negotiation, imports and exports of essential medicines, reducing regulatory barriers, developing appropriate policy initiatives on intellectual property."**

**I think WHO should be more vocal not only on the issue of fake drugs but more so on the high cost of essential medicines. Also, it should address the need for increased market competition to avoid price monopoly and curb patent abuse by multinationals.**

* * *

Calling all Philets/Artlets alumni of the University of Sto. Tomas. The annual reunion and election of officers of the Philets Foundation will be held next Saturday, June 4, at Alfredo's Steak House on Tomas Morato Street, Quezon City, starting at 10 a.m. A number of alumni will be given Golden Owl Awards for outstanding work in their respective fields.

Known as the "big little college" of UST, Philets/Artlets has produced a long line of alumni who have distinguished themselves in journalism, literature, culture and the arts, advertising, public relations, education, marketing, and public service.

The golden jubilarians this year are members of Philets Class of 1955. For more information, you may call the secretariat at 456-9339, Mitos Araneta at 412-7937 or 374-3576, Chit Almario at 636-0675 or 817-4016 and Art Dimayuga at 647-1254.

# Tuition freeze and market backlash

**PASSION FOR REASON**

*Raul C. Pangalangan*

THE GOVERNMENT has stopped tuition increases and pegged them to the inflation rate, while congressmen have warned that tuition will double in the next few years. The tuition freeze is the government's response to the double whammy that has hit parents: the rising cost of education and the collapse of the pre-need industry, a vicious fraud that victimizes not those who speculate in get-rich-quick schemes but those who have sacrificed for the proverbial rainy day.

Education is not just about imparting knowledge. It is about spreading hope, and it is that window of hope that serves as a democratic safety valve that precludes the subversive portent of a "permanent underclass." The government has won "*pogi* points" for the tuition freeze, but I wonder how long the applause will ring when people realize the long-term price we all pay when we win the "race to the bottom."

"There is no such thing as a free lunch." I often thought about that when I was a graduate student in the United States living lean on scholarship money, and believing instead in my preferred dictum: "There is nothing more delicious than a free lunch." And that exactly is what our people think they're now deliciously enjoying. But just you wait until the gas pains kick in.

We want our schools to keep on giving quality teaching but expect them to operate on half the budget. Certainly the real price is being paid by someone else. Who is subsidizing the parents when they pay tuition fees that do not reflect the real cost of education? My answer: the teachers, the poor teachers. If the tuition increase is pegged to inflation, that means that even if the entire increase is earmarked for the teachers, it will merely keep their heads above the water.

In the long term, we will have fewer and fewer applicants for teaching jobs, and the better ones will pack their bags for greener pastures, the Texas public school system perhaps, or the English-language schools in China. Worse, there is de facto deregulation of high-class schools, which can get away with yearly tuition of P100,000, while lesser known schools are tightly regulated.

It is the story of rent control all over again. Eventually, there will be a gap between the few excellent schools charging market rates, and the mass of schools charging artificially low tuition. A perfect set-up for a mutiny indeed: bright ambitious lower middle-class kids with nowhere to go, recalling the young Marlon Brando as he mutters, "I coulda been a contender."

At a deeper level, children learn at an early age how low we as a society regard our teachers. What lesson do you think they learn when they know that they spend more for a pair of Nikes than the teacher earns in a week? That an iced venti latte mindlessly sipped at Starbucks is actually more expensive than the teacher's lunch? Lesson One: Do not believe your elders when they say that learning is important; wheeling and dealing will get you farther. Lesson Two: Do not become a teacher.

The freeze is not viable in the long term. First, in the high-class schools belonging to religious orders or those schools run by large corporations, the government must ensure that the tuition fees are not diverted to the religious or corporate headquarters locally or abroad, or that tuition paid by grade-school students are not used to subsidize non-viable academic programs elsewhere. It's bad enough that there is a cap (in small caps, I hasten to add) on fee increases, but why share them with Padre Damaso? Show us the books, please, undoctored.

Second, the moneyed classes must put up more scholarships. I have heard the usual excuse that when they give to the government, they are not sure where the money will go. Well, guys, give it directly to your beneficiary if you want to be absolutely sure. Bypass government if corruption is the problem, and give tuition money to that bright kid from Smokey Mountain (or its latest incarnation), if salvation is the goal.

Schools must be more creative, too, in making the most of their assets. The older schools, especially, since invariably they sit on prime real estate. I am in Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok as I write this, and I just discovered that the hotel where I am staying (and the adjacent shopping mall) actually leases part of the school's beautiful campus in the heart of the city—and it is a public university at that.

Former Harvard president Derek Bok said, "If you think education is expensive, try ignorance." America is unique in the world in that its best universities are private, supported mainly by income-generating endowments, and Harvard's is said to be larger than the national treasury of some Third World countries. In many of the world's capitals, the finest schools are public schools, and it is accepted that tuition is subsidized as a public responsibility.

Realistically, we are too poor to offer across-the-board subsidies to all students. But it is no solution to shift the burden to the teachers. What makes this subsidy painful is that it is borne by teachers who are paid a pittance. What makes it unfair is that the subsidy is invisible, and they who have sacrificed to educate other people's kids cannot afford life's comforts for their own children—and nobody even bothered to say thanks.

*(Comments to raulcp@info.com.ph)*

# World Banks sees 'fiscal turnaround'

**ANALYSIS**

*Amando Doronila*

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo signed into law last Tuesday the value-added tax bill without the fanfare that should have accompanied what Finance Secretary Cesar Purisima described as a "milestone piece of legislation that will significantly broaden our tax base this year and the next."

The description understated the impact of the new law, suggesting that the administration was not in a celebratory mood, although it was greatly relieved that the VAT reform bill squeezed through the bicameral conference committee after having been impounded for several months in the House-Senate gridlock. The passage of such an important piece of legislation should have normally been given huge media coverage.

Maybe the administration did not want to raise high and false expectations from a law spiked with so many sharp edges that it could hurt so many sectors—including the general public that is going to be slugged by higher taxes with the 10-percent VAT this year and the standby authority given by Congress to the President to raise it to 12 percent next year; and businessmen who face a 35-percent corporate income tax that they bewail as a "disincentive" to foreign investments.

It was not all gloom, however. Following the signing of the bill, there appeared a silver lining. The World Bank, one of the country's biggest sources of loans, hailed the new law. "With this law, the Philippines has moved its fiscal reform program from plans and announcements into the implementing phases," said Joachim von Amsberg, the bank's country director for the Philippines. "This will make a big contribution to the fiscal turnaround if it is fully and effectively implemented."

The World Bank demonstrated its appreciation with an offer of $2 billion worth of credit to the Philippines over the next three years. The loan can be used to finance the country's development programs until 2008 and, as Amsberg has pointed out, the amount is much bigger than the average annual assistance of $100 million previously extended by the World Bank to the country. This is because the government was likely to achieve its fiscal targets with the passage of the VAT law, he said.

By no means should it be interpreted that World Bank agrees with the government's rather optimistic expectations from the VAT law. The Bureau of Internal Revenue and administration officials claim it would bring in P28.75 billion in additional revenues this year and P104.2 billion next year. Officials have warned against expecting too much from the law instantly. They said its impact would be fully felt when it is completely implemented by 2006.

The value of the World Bank's assessment of the impact of the VAT law lies in its recognition that its passage provides the bank and the investment community benchmarks for assessing the Philippine government's prospects of taking control of the deficit crisis. The passage of the law, no matter how controversial its provisions, demonstrates the capacity, albeit limited, of the government to push tough tax legislation that is bound to be unpopular. The law gives investment bankers a sense of the direction of the government's tax reform policies, allowing them to factor in the costs of the policies. It gives them a sense of certainty that would have not been possible if the impasse on the VAT law had not been broken.

The Department of Finance said that 70 percent of the proceeds from the law would be used to address the fiscal deficit, and 30 percent would go to budgetary support. The government incurred a budget deficit of P63.5 billion in the first quarter of this year, well within the target of P77.8 billion for the period. It seeks to limit the deficit between P177 billion and P180 billion for the whole year, after incurring a deficit of P187 billion in 2004.

The government expects an upgrade of the country's credit ratings, that would bring down the cost of government borrowings, as a result of the VAT law passage.

The World Bank loan is tied to fiscal performance, which means that the administration will be on probation and will be subjected to close scrutiny.

A New York investment bank, Bear, Stearns & Co., does not share the government's optimistic estimates. In its latest report to investors, it said the government may have been "very ambitious and optimistic" in projecting at least P29 billion in additional revenues from the VAT law this year. Collections could be lower than expected because of "various administrative difficulties" in implementing the law.

Bear, Stearns & Co. estimated that the law would yield P20 billion only and assumed that 30 percent of additional revenues would be "earmarked" for government spending, contradicting the finance department's claim that the entire amount would be used to reduce the budget deficit.

"One important element of the compromise on the recently approved VAT reform bill was that the incremental revenue raised by the bill goes to 'new' spending on social programs, as opposed to deficit reduction," the bank pointed out.

It forecast total government revenues this year to reach P803 billion, P20 billion higher than the P783 billion estimate prior to the passage of the VAT law. Expenditures were seen to hit P969 billion, higher than the original P963 billion because of the earmarking of VAT proceeds. The finance department has projected revenues to reach P812 billion this year and set expenditures at P963 billion.

# 'Legal calisthenics'?

**AT LARGE**

*Rina Jimenez-David*

FROM THE VERY first sentence of her decision on the case of "The People of the Philippines versus Jose B. Custodio," Judge Virginia Hofilena Europa of the Davao Regional Trial Court reveals what she really thinks of the case of rape filed by Karen Vertido against the businessman.

"After much legal calisthenics," Europa begins, "having had various incidents in this case go to and fro from the appellate courts and having, at one time or another, been through the salas of three other judges before landing in the sala of the undersigned presiding judge, the main action in this case is finally submitted for resolution."

Legal calisthenics? Is that all that Europa believes the nine years this case has spent traveling down the rocky road of the legal justice system are? If that is not trivializing the complaint, not to mention the trauma that rape can inflict, then I don't know what is.

I can't say I blame Karen, her husband Dam or the rest of her family when they say that they have lost faith in the Philippine justice system. After all, you couldn't ask for stronger proof of the trust they had reposed on it. Nine years of their lives—nine years during which their two children grew from children to young adults, nine years during which they had to be reminded again and again of that night in 1996 when their lives were changed forever, nine years they have spent mostly apart since Karen found living in Davao after the rape became public an impossibility—now appear to have gone to waste. Those years are lost forever, never to be recovered. And the judge has the temerity to dismiss those years as mere "legal calisthenics"?

* * *

**AS FAR as the formal justice system is concerned, the door now seems firmly locked against any redress for Karen. There is no room for an appeal, however faulty the verdict may have been. Because of the principle of double jeopardy, Custodio can no longer be tried again for the same crime. Although, if reports of his previous transgressions are true, there's no preventing his other victims from going after him as well.**

**But after the punishment that Karen went through, I wonder if any rape survivor would still be emboldened to go public with her rape or to trust in the police and our courts in her search for justice. While Karen won many adherents and supporters who admired her courage and her steadfast faith in the system, I wonder what lesson other rape survivors have taken from the outcome of her case.**

**And what message did the judge send by acquitting Custodio? I'm not saying that she was in any way obligated to convict the aging businessman-Lothario. But her decision could have been better thought out, and at least not premised on careless assumptions about human behavior and how people, especially rape victims, should react to stress.**

**In fact, Europa's decision bore so many echoes of the initial decision dismissing the case issued by a prosecution panel (subsequently reversed by the DOJ), that the feelings of indignation and anger that early decision provoked so many years ago rose up anew.**

* * *

AS WITH the Davao prosecutors, Europa based her findings on Karen's credibility (or lack of) as a rape victim. Karen could not have been raped, or been so traumatized into silence and inaction, the judge ruled, because "she does not appear to be a timid woman who could easily be cowered," and therefore, "the Court cannot understand why she did not escape when she appeared to have had so many opportunities to do so."

In other words, women like Karen, that is, married or at least sexually experienced, educated, economically independent, self-confident and intelligent, can never be raped. Because, so the judge reasoned, women like that would know when they are threatened with rape, even by people they would not normally suspect. And therefore, they would do something to prevent it or to thwart the would-be rapist.

Women, of any age or status, are not immune to rape. (As I wrote early in the life of the case, rapists don't ask for their victim's curriculum vitae before they do the heinous deed.) And while some may shout out in anger and kick and scream and try to flee, others (the great majority, studies have found) would either plead with the rapist, or be shocked into a "dissociative state," that is, their minds "remove" them from the stressful experience as a way of protecting them from the pain of the memory.

* * *

**THE BIGGEST error or weakness in the verdict as prepared by Europa is, in fact, her refusal to give greater credence to the testimony of "expert witnesses" presented by the prosecution, especially that of two nationally- and even internationally-recognized mental health experts who testified about Karen's mental and emotional state during and immediately after the rape. Drs. June Pagaduan-Lopez and Pureza Onate testified in court to establish the scientific and medical basis for their diagnosis that Karen was suffering from "post-traumatic stress syndrome," which explains her failure to cry out or otherwise physically fend off Custodio.**

**Europa writes that she "cannot just accept the testimonies of the psychiatrists" because, she claimed they said there were "material details" not made known to them because they could not cross-examine Karen "for fear of aggravating the stress…they perceived her to be under."**

**This last statement Dr. Pagaduan-Lopez denounces as "a distortion of expert testimony."**

**"I never said such a thing," she declares, "and I had plenty of time to go over the details with Karen, having worked with her and her family for seven months."**

**More on Judge Europa's "misreading" of the expert testimony tomorrow.**

# Intellectual piracy

**LOOKING BACK**

*Ambeth R. Ocampo*

HUANGZHOU—Friends thought it a hilarious joke that this beautiful, ancient Chinese capital was chosen as the site for a three-day symposium on copyright organized by the Geneva-based World Intellectual Property Organization. Someone even asked if copyright even existed in China. Well, the People's Republic of China actually has a National Copyright Administration.

All this was not lost on the participants from different countries in the Asia-Pacific region and, during the opening ceremonies, National Library Director Prudenciana Cruz showed me a text of countries on a watchlist (blacklist?) because of copyright infringement. Of course, China was No. 1. This was one of the rare times I did not want to be among the top 10, but the Philippines was fifth on the list. Nevertheless, I found the inputs in the symposium quite interesting in the light of my own limited experience on copyright.

A few years ago, while browsing in an Asian store in Chicago, I saw sacks of rice marked "Milagrosa." It brought back childhood memories of this fragrant, small grain, an expensive variety served at our table both in Pampanga and Manila. I was dismayed to read the package and discover that the rice was imported into the United States not from the Philippines but Thailand. Recently, we heard that Mexico, which has been exporting mangoes worldwide, now wants to register the product as "Manila mangoes," causing confusion as to their origin.

Historically, mango saplings were brought to Acapulco from Manila during the height of the Galleon Trade (or even earlier about four centuries ago). These mangoes were propagated in Mexico, where they are rightly known as "Manila mangoes." Today the Philippines deals with the competitive international fruit market and struggles to export mangoes worldwide, but then we will have to compete with "Manila mangoes" from Mexico.

What about the familiar Manila (sometimes spelled Manilla) envelopes that are used worldwide but are not made in the Philippines? Trademarks, patents and copyright are serious issues indeed. Another case in point is ylang-ylang. There used to be an antique shop behind Santa Ana church, actually a decrepit house with a grumpy owner, that had some historical curios on sale. I remember a tacky glass fountain said to be the (in)famous machine that spouted champagne rather than water at Lopez banquets in the heady days before Martial Law. Then there was a collection of 19th-century French perfume bottles in a medicine cabinet that sported names like "Brisas de Antipolo" and "Ylang-ylang." The main ingredient for these perfumes came from the Philippines, but we did not see its economic potential until a French fashion company reputedly took saplings of the plant from the Philippines, propagated them in Africa and then registered the name and the scent under their name.

Closer to home and my own experience has been the issue of photocopying for research or limited, non-commercial, personal use.

In college I needed an essay from Gilda Cordero Fernando's pioneering coffee-table book, "Turn of the Century," so I checked the book out of the Filipiniana section for photocopying. The librarian lectured me, in front of everyone, on copyright infringement and told me to take notes by hand or go out and buy my own book. I only needed a few pages to tide me over my weekend assignment, but the librarian refused. That was my first traumatic experience with copyright. Since then Gilda has offered me a free copy, but I guess as emotional compensation, I now have three copies.

Then the world turned upside down. I have seen photocopied versions of my books. The same argument above is now used against me. Photocopying, even of an entire book, is allowed provided it is for non-commercial purposes (i.e., not for sale) and its use is limited to private, academic research. But if hundreds, if not thousands, of copies are made, the magnitude takes on commercial proportions and is definitely prejudicial to the copyright owner or author. Worse, there was a time when it was cheaper to buy the book than have it photocopied, but students wouldn't be bothered and just photocopied.

I did not realize how complicated the world has become because of new technology. Books are no longer just physical objects with text on paper. Images and text can be scanned and stored on the Internet, on CDs, even on mobile phones—the use of the material reaching way beyond the traditional limits of the printed word.

Then there are translations not just in language but also in format. Once, one of my articles was translated into Filipino and published in a magazine without my byline. I cried plagiarism but was told that there is a school of thought that asserts that "translation is creation." When my work was processed from the original English into Filipino, it was not mine anymore. What about the research data that was exclusive to me, or the fact that the whole structure of the essay was still mine except that it was in a different language?

We think of piracy in terms of computer software, music CDs and movies on DVD, but there is a lot of copyright infringement going on these days and the artists composers, writers and academics who create this cultural capital don't really know their rights. This has to change.

*Comments are welcome at aocampo@ateneo.edu*

# May's miracles

**PINOY KASI**

*Michael L. Tan*

IN COUNTRIES where there are four seasons, people look forward to spring, when life bursts forth after the long, cold winter. All kinds of festivals and celebrations have developed around spring, including some pagan ones that found their way into the Christian calendar. Easter is the best example, spring used to commemorate Christ's Resurrection.

In these countries, summer is not exactly a favored season, seen as intolerably hot, people screaming about a heat wave when the temperatures go above 30 degrees. People seem to go brain dead, unable to work, pining away for extended vacations.

In the Philippines, summer's different. It's withering yes, but it's a season that brings forth life, and more: our summers seem to be a time of miracles, and I'm not talking about the way the decades-old problem of *jueteng* can be eradicated from Manila and several regions within a few days.

### Flores de Mayo

The subheading gives away the type of miracles I want to talk about. Our plants—well, they are after all, tropical—thrive on heat. As temperatures soar, many of our plants seem to suffer, their leaves folding up almost as if in supplication for more water. But what's happening is that the heat seems to switch on powerhouses within the plants and eventually, they burst into bloom, almost as if to provide humans with some relief from the heat. Yes, there's nothing better than to be able to look out to a garden—preferably from an air-conditioned office or home—filled with the flowers of May.

The lowly bougainvillea becomes queen. I was in a church in Pangil, Laguna, the other week looking for the miraculous pregnant Virgin, Nuestra Señora de La O. When I got into the church, there was a bunch of very young children, herded into the church to pay homage to Mary. The children were from poor peasant families and most had brought the simple bougainvillea to offer to the Virgin. As the flowers piled up beneath one of the Virgin's statues, they began to look as grand as they are when out in the wild.

The bougainvillea are a hardy lot. The drier the season, the better they manage, the shrubs reaching high into the heavens. Once I was driving and just had to stop, dazzled by a tree with resplendent flowers. It turned out to be an acacia which had allowed a rather persistent bougainvillea to climb through its branches, much like a mother allows her child to seek comfort by cuddling up. In return for this refuge, the bougainvillea had crowned the acacia with red flowers.

### Urban jungle

Because of the heat, I've always dreaded summer at the university, but I'm also thankful I'm at UP Diliman, where the summer's botanical wonders seem all the more miraculous. The other day, as I stepped out of the Vargas Museum on campus, there were particularly strong winds with white flowers floating around, making it look like there was light snow. With 35 degrees of blistering heat, it certainly wasn't snow; what we had were kapok flowers floating through the campus, Vargas' "snow" coming from a stunning kapok tree that stands in the AS (that's Palma Hall, but still Arts and Sciences to older people like myself) parking lot.

Just a few meters away from that parking lot, you find several fire trees, which have started blooming. You find them all over the campus, their eye-catching colors varying from light orange to a deep crimson red.

You don't have to go to UP Diliman to find these fire trees. They're scattered throughout Metro Manila, and you'll find some that are truly breath-taking. In fact, some of them should be declared national heritage sites, to be preserved for posterity.

Generally, summer seems to bring out the best in our leguminous trees. Look for golden shower trees, the name suggesting what they look like. Even the acacia tree has flowers, small and subdued but adding color to the landscape like some painting by an impressionist master.

### New life

I'm dealing too much with nature's more flamboyant summer treats. More miraculous are the ways many plants survive amid summer's adversity. My friends think I'm crazy whenever we're walking down a street and I suddenly stop and point out weeds growing out of cracks in the pavement, or on walls, sometimes with the tiniest flowers, which, if you could just take the time to look, turn out to be as pretty as they are delicate. That they survive at all in the summer makes them even more wondrous.

As we catch the many instances where nature survives against all odds during the summer, we might want to think, too, of people-miracles during this season. We tend to waste summers allowing children, or ourselves, to vegetate at home. Yet there are all kinds of summer classes for art, photography, cooking, swimming, which can bring out hidden talents you never knew existed in your kids. Just as I was finishing this article, I caught a radio interview with people from the Red Cross and they're offering some interesting courses, from safety to home nursing. Call 527-000, 527-8384 to 93. (I hope I got the numbers right. I was driving so I had to memorize the numbers.)

If the courses seem expensive, there are activities that can be done at home even for this last stretch of the summer. Check the bookstores for arts and crafts books. I did the other week and was amazed at the wide selection of books, many packaged into kits with starter materials for everything from digital photography to quilling. If you are wondering, quilling is where you roll little strips of paper into plants, animals or whatever your imagination is capable of conjuring.

Imagination. Summers are hothouses for the imagination. Drive up to UP Diliman to catch the fire trees. Try to imagine what it may have been like when we still had thick forests. The summers must have been cooler because of the trees and yet for the humans who were around, the fire trees must have set their hearts ablaze. The Chinese name for these trees, I found out recently, is "phoenix tree," which tells us how these trees trigger the mind's eye.

It's not accidental that May's flowers inspire fiestas and merry-making. Perhaps in the pre-colonial era, before Christianity was introduced, May's flowers were used in rituals appealing to the heavens to bring the rains and usher in another planting season. As the month comes to an end, we do get afternoon rains, bringing relief from the sultry afternoons. Summer's flowers, it turns out, herald a new season of life and of renewal.

The INQUIRER is a member of the
PHILIPPINE PRESS INSTITUTE
The National Association of Philippine Newspapers

# Overhaul the tuition system

THE GOOD news is that the Commission on Higher Education has decided to correct a decade of monumental blunder—after feigning helplessness in the face of skyrocketing school fees, it has issued a new regulation on the imposition of tuition increases and miscellaneous fees.

The bad news is that the regulation comes too late. The directive should have been implemented last February during the tuition consultations. Right now, students have already enrolled, and a refund would only be chaotic and even disrupt the academic sessions during the schoolyear. CHED is no different from the public works agency of the government which cleans drainage canals and floodwater gates and fixes potholes during the rainy season, when these should be done during summer. Is CHED merely placating public frustration over the rising cost of education or is this a sincere intention to reform the higher education system? Is CHED now ready to protect the welfare of students and parents after years of being the unofficial spokesperson of school owners?

The other good news is that President Macapagal-Arroyo has ordered a freeze on tuition increases in the state universities and colleges. But the bad news is that government funding for public schools has been reduced. Now, school administrators are at a loss as to where they would get the money to run their schools well. The quality of public higher education would deteriorate further with dwindling resources and increasing enrollment. May we remind the President that a tuition freeze would be advisable in private schools, where 75 percent of college students are enrolled and fees are tremendously high. It would be a relief for parents and planholders of bankrupt preneed firms.

The CHED memo and the President's order are short-term measures to address the issue of access and equity in education. We need a new tuition regulation mechanism that would have sweeping and radical results in democratizing access to higher education. After two decades of tuition deregulation, we can only boast of high tuition fees and a pitiful quality of education.

The Philippine tuition system has miserably failed. It is time to learn from what other countries are doing in order to balance the need to infuse resources in schools and the right of students to affordable college education. Perhaps, we should expand the bursary system or the student loan program. In the recent British elections, there was a debate between the Conservative and Labor parties, on whether or not to abolish the tuition fees and allow the students to pay after they secured employment in the future. That is worth studying if it could be adopted in our country.

**—RAYMOND PALATINO,**
**vice president, Anak ng Bayan,**
**32-A Visayan Ave., Galas, Quezon City**

Handyman Do it Best Home Center
Great gifts for Dad
May 27 - June 30
SAVE 20% ALL Grenfell Products
Great Value! SAVE 10% ALL STANLEY Products
Buff Dad's car to a bright shine
BLACK&DECKER Polisher P4,000 Reg. P4,999.75
WD 40 382ml (12.9 oz) P162 Reg. P179.75
Super Chamois & Zip Wax Combo Pack P299.75 Reg. P319.50
Great Value! P319.50 Reg. P354.75 Type S Trunk Organizer *accessories not included
Best reception for Dad's viewing pleasure
Antenna P490.50 Reg. P544.75
Autosport Air Compressor 300 PSI P608 Reg. P759.75
Great Value! P1,795.50 Reg. P1,995.00 BOSCH Cordless Screwdriver with accessories
FREE T-shirt or Drill Bit Set for every purchase of any BOSCH Power Tool
Jazz up Dad's car with great accessories
Type S Car Mat P1,200 Reg. P1,499.75
P1,200 Reg. P1,499.75 Type S 7-piece Auto dress Up Kit 2 front seat covers 2 car mats 2 seat belt pads 1 steering wheel cover
Ambi Pur Car Freshener Refill Pack P99.75
Ambi Pur Car Freshener Starter Kit P159.75
FREE Refill Pack for every purchase
LOTUS Toolkit P1,168.25 Reg. P1,298.00
FREE John Benzen 5-in-1 Pocket Tool for every purchase
FREE WORKSHOPS and DEMOS
All Robinsons Malls • All Waltermart Malls • Selected Malls Nationwide
www.handyman.com.ph

# On disrespect for the RP flag

*(INQ7.net Editor's note: INQ7.net readers reacted strongly to a breaking news story sent to INQ7.net by Inquirer News Service's Central Luzon Desk. The story reported that a couple ignored signals to stand and face the Philippine flag during the singing of the national anthem and continued to eat their dinner throughout a flag-raising ceremony. The couple now faces a court case regarding the incident. The story saw print on page A4 of the May 23, 2005 issue of the Philippine Daily Inquirer.)*

**VOICES ON INQ7.NET**

The two, regardless of their nationality, are not worthy to stay in the Philippines. They should be deported to their own countries.—**Leo Dacanay, Sukhumvit 6, Bangkok Thailand**

* * *

Hypocrisy! Most of us do not respect the Philippine flag. If we cheat in our tax declarations, if we steal money from government funds, if we give "*tong*" (bribes) to the police, if we ignore traffic rules, if we bet on "*jueteng*" (an illegal numbers game), if we sell our votes, if we pollute our environment, if we destroy our forests, and lots of other ifs, we show by these acts direct disrespect to the Philippine flag.—**Marlo Fragata, PO Box 91531 Tripoli, Libya**

* * *

Good Lord! I thought perhaps the couple had made love on top of it or something! They didn't stand? Perhaps they are Jehovah's Witnesses? I have no great love for JWs but I understand that they will only express allegiance to God and God's government. Question? What's an American supposed to do when they bring out the Philippine flag? I don't want to pledge allegiance to it, but I don't want to [show] disrespect to it either. Protocol can be confusing sometimes: Stand, but don't put your hand over your heart? Put your hand over your kidney? What? People, you really need to chill out.—**Tim Wright, 1305 Central Ave, College Place, WA, USA.**

* * *

After reading the article about this couple, I prayed that the Lord bless them and forgive them for being ignorant and immensely arrogant.—**Vi Garcia Purves, New Zealand**

# On jueteng

Why go for the big fish when you can easily get to the small fish, and thus kill the big fish? Meaning, why not attack the illegal numbers game at the source through the media, such as, with commercials telling the bettors that it is a fixed game; and with stickers placed all over, highlighting how bad *jueteng* is. The religious sector and the government should tell everyone not to patronize it.

Go to the grassroots and you might be surprised how effective it is. It is about time we make a move and be heard and seen down there.—**Lito Ducut, 1000 Lomita Ave., California, USA**

* * *

"No more '*jueteng*' in 3 regions—PNP" (PDI, 5/25/05) Perhaps, the regional directors just talked to their *jueteng* operator-financiers in their areas of jurisdiction for a temporary halt of the gambling operations. "Pustahan tayo" (Wanna bet?), *jueteng* will resume in the areas where, according to PNP Director General Arturo Lomibao, it has stopped (if indeed it has stopped). Lomibao and his regional directors can't fool the media and anti-*jueteng* crusaders. I am for the creation of an independent commission that would investigate the "*jueteng* scandal" and have the power to recommend the prosecution of the operators and beneficiaries.—**Lino Balinte, PO Box 467, DEE WHY, NSW 2099, Australia**

* * *

The problem is that *jueteng* is already a [tradition] in our country. Sooner or later, it will be back, and when it's back, the payola will start flowing again. Legalizing it will remove the need for the operators to hand out payola and protection money; and the money that will be saved with *jueteng's* legalization will instead go to the government as taxes, and *jueteng* will continue to give work to many.—**Vic Pao, Cavite**

* * *

Do you actually mean that if *jueteng* can't be licked, we'll just have to make it legal? Well, by the same logic, we should also make murder legal because it hasn't been licked despite all the laws of the land. How about graft and corruption? Let's make it legal, too!—**Jose de la Paz, Metro Manila**

InqBox
Question of the Week
**Do you think the Arroyo administration can stop 'jueteng'?**
Win this *Inquirer mug
*Senders of d best 20 texts as publishd in Tuesday's* **INQBOX** *wiL each receiv an *Inquirer Mug!*
inquirer news name/age/city/message.
(Maximum of 160 characters)
*Metro Manila winners can call Jane at 8978808.
Provincial winners can text:
Inquirer ad name/age/city/mailing address
to 2207 or 283 as their prizes will be mailed to them.

Across the NATION

E-mail: pr_provincial_news@inquirer.com.ph

NORTHERN LUZON BUREAU
Room 201, Bonuan Apartelle
10 Happy Glen Loop, Baguio City
Tel. No. (074)443-9255
Fax No. (074)443-8971
E-mail: inq_baguio@inquirer.com.ph

SOUTHERN LUZON BUREAU
23 Aurora St., Old Albay District
Legazpi City
Tel. No. (052) 820-8402
Fax No. (052) 820-1274
E-mail: inq_bicol@inquirer.com.ph

VISAYAS BUREAU
c/o Cebu Daily News
18-15 Escario St., Cebu City
Tel. Nos. (032) 233-0346/233-0349
Fax No. (032) 232-9938
E-mail: inq_cebu@inquirer.com.ph

MINDANAO BUREAU
FEP Printing Corp. Bldg.
Ma-a Road, Davao City
Tel. No. (082)244-1770 to 71
Fax No. (082)244-1771
E-mail: inq_davao@inquirer.com.ph

Text us your feedback: Inquirer atn name/age/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart) *Assistant Editor* **Tony Bergonia**

# *Deadlock reached on talks for wage hike in Visayas*

**By Jhunnex Napallacan**
*PDI Visayas Bureau*

CEBU CITY—The Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Board in Central Visayas has reached a deadlock on its deliberation on wage increase.

The wage board started its marathon hearings on Tuesday but as of yesterday noon, no agreement had been reached as to how much should be the adjustment for private workers in Central Visayas.

The wage board failed to convene at about 11 a.m. yesterday after Hidelito Pascual and Charles Streegan, two management representatives, did not show up, said wage board secretary Exequel Sarcauga.

"We didn't have a quorum. We waited until 12:30 p.m. but the two representatives failed to show up," Sarcauga said.

He said the two might have had other appointments and did not mean to delay the proceedings.

Rodolfo Sabulao, regional director of the Department of Labor and Employment (Dole) and wage board chair, decided to resume the deliberation on Thursday night.

Aside from Pascual and Streegan, the other members of the wage board are Marianito Ventura and Ferdinand Pepito, representing the labor sector and government representatives Romeo Escandor and Asteria Caberte who are regional directors of the National Economic and Development Agency and Department of Trade and Industry.

Ventura, of the Trade Union of the Philippines and Allied Services (Tupas), told the INQUIRER that he hoped the wage board could come up with a final decision.

Ventura threatened to resign on Wednesday, during the second day of the deliberation, after he was offended by Streegan's offer to increase the minimum wage by P12.

Ventura and Pepito had recommended a P22 increase in minimum wages for workers in Metro Cebu, P17 for those outside Metro Cebu but within Cebu province, P12 for Bohol and Negros Oriental and P7 for Siquijor.

The current minimum wage for private workers in Central Visayas is P208.

Ventura said they made a proposal after the management sector turned down the recommendation of the technical working group to grant a P25 wage increase.

During their first day of deliberation on Tuesday, the board rejected the petitions of the Alliance of Progressive Labor (APL) and the Associated Labor Union-Trade Union Congress of the Philippines (TUCP).

The APL pushed for a P112 increase in minimum wage while ALU-TUCP sought an adjustment of P78.

As a compromise, the technical working group recommended a P25 increase but this was turned down by the management sector.

*With a report from Romy Amarado, PDI Visayas Bureau*

# 6,000 'jueteng' workers now jobless, says DSWD

**By Cynthia D. Balana**

**SOME 6,000 *jueteng* collectors in Central Luzon have ended up unemployed as a result of the government's crackdown on the illegal numbers game, Social Welfare Secretary Corazon "Dinky" Soliman said yesterday.**

Soliman said that the figure was provided by local governments in the region and that it was already being verified by her department.

She said President Macapagal-Arroyo had instructed her to provide special assistance to those displaced by the campaign against *jueteng* to replace lost income.

The DSWD has put up P5 million as initial fund for self-employment assistance to former *jueteng* collectors and expected additional money from other government agencies. Also, technical expertise on how to put up small business will be provided by the Tesda and the Department of Trade and Industry for small and medium enterprises.

Soliman likewise said that local government units were also expected to release money for this fund program, as well as the People's Credit and Finance Corp. of the National Anti-Poverty Commission.

Soliman said the President had the political will to eradicate *jueteng* in the country, although she admitted this would take time.

But she refused to comment when asked why the President and other members of the First Family were being linked to *jueteng*.

"I can assure you that we are trying to right a wrong here. The Arroyo administration is so challenged by this *jueteng* issue because we are bearing the consequences of the decisions made in the past. In short, we are the ones biting the bullet," Soliman stressed.

Citing reports from local government officials, Soliman said the average age of *jueteng* collectors was 45, although there were some who were aged 60 to 80. There were no children involved in *jueteng* collection.

Soliman said that assistance for self-employment would range from a low of P5,000 to a high of P150,000. The latter can only be given to a group of 5 or 10 individuals who decide to put up a joint business.

Soliman, however, stressed that other depressed areas not affected by the *jueteng* issue would also be given livelihood assistance.

# More aid seen from Finland

KIDAPAWAN CITY—The Finnish government is likely to expand its funding support to various socio-economic projects for cultural communities in Central Mindanao, a town official in North Cotabato said.

Second Secretary Mervi Kultamaa of the Finland Embassy in Manila was in Magpet town on Tuesday to inspect the project funded by her government in Barangay Manobisa.

Magpet Mayor Efren Piñol said Kultamaa was so impressed by the success of the project that she pledged to lobby for a raise in financial aid to indigenous communities.

Kultamaa said the increase in the funding could come after the submission of her observation report. "She promised to raise the funds through her representation," Piñol said.

*Charlie Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

**ATTENTION**

Calling all Lifetime Members of the **Philippine Science High School Foundation, Inc.**

Notice of Annual & General Membership Meeting on **June 23, 2005; Thursday at the PSHS ASTB Bldg., Agham Road, Diliman, Q.C. at 6:00 p.m.**

For details please call **Celi** – Tel. No. **924-0655** or **Aloha** – Tel. No. **426-4578** or email us at **aloha_fabi@yahoo.com, pshsfi@yahoo.com**

21181u
21189u
29181u
29189u
34181u
TCL
Among flat TVs, ours are probably the most well-rounded.

**FULL FLAT. FULL OF FEATURES. FULL OF CHOICES. EXPECT NOTHING LESS FROM THE WORLD'S NO. 1 TV MAKER.**

No other brand packs so many features into so many models for less than what you would spend on some other brands. Each of TCL's **Dynamic Real Flat TVs** have these **Superior Smart Features** as standard:
- Digital Curtain that simulates a movie screen
- Perpetual Calendar
- DVD Component S-Video for film-like realism
- Full/AV Stereo that rivals THX
- Reminder Function that lets you write messages on the TV screen
- Daily Biological Clock that works like your Feng Shui adviser

Competitively priced, **TCL Flat TVs** also come with a 2-Year parts and service warranty (others only offer 1 year). No wonder TCL – known as **RCA** in the USA and **Thomson** in Europe – is starting to be called the "**new favorite TV**". 3 brands, 3 continents, 1 technology, 1 company. Truly, the world's **No. 1 TV** maker.

Now which brands just fell flat? Or, more to the point, fell short of giving you what you truly deserve? Compare and decide. Check out a **TCL Flat TV** today.

TCL
Technology that Conquers Limitations.

Expect more. Get more.

# Misamis docs raise alarm over dengue

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—The Provincial Health Office (PHO) of Misamis Oriental raised an alarm over the sharp increase in the number of dengue cases recorded in the province.

Dr. Ignacio Moreno, chief of the PHO, said that from January to April, 12 dengue patients had already died.

He said that the number was unusually high because for the whole year of 2004, there were only 13 dengue deaths recorded.

Moreno said that for the first quarter of the year, the number of recorded dengue cases was 276 compared to the 70 cases recorded during the first quarter of 2004.

He said the figure represented a 400 percent increase.

Most of the victims were children although some adults had also caught the disease.

Moreno said if residents continue to ignore sanitation, the number of dengue cases could go higher particularly due to the incoming rainy season.

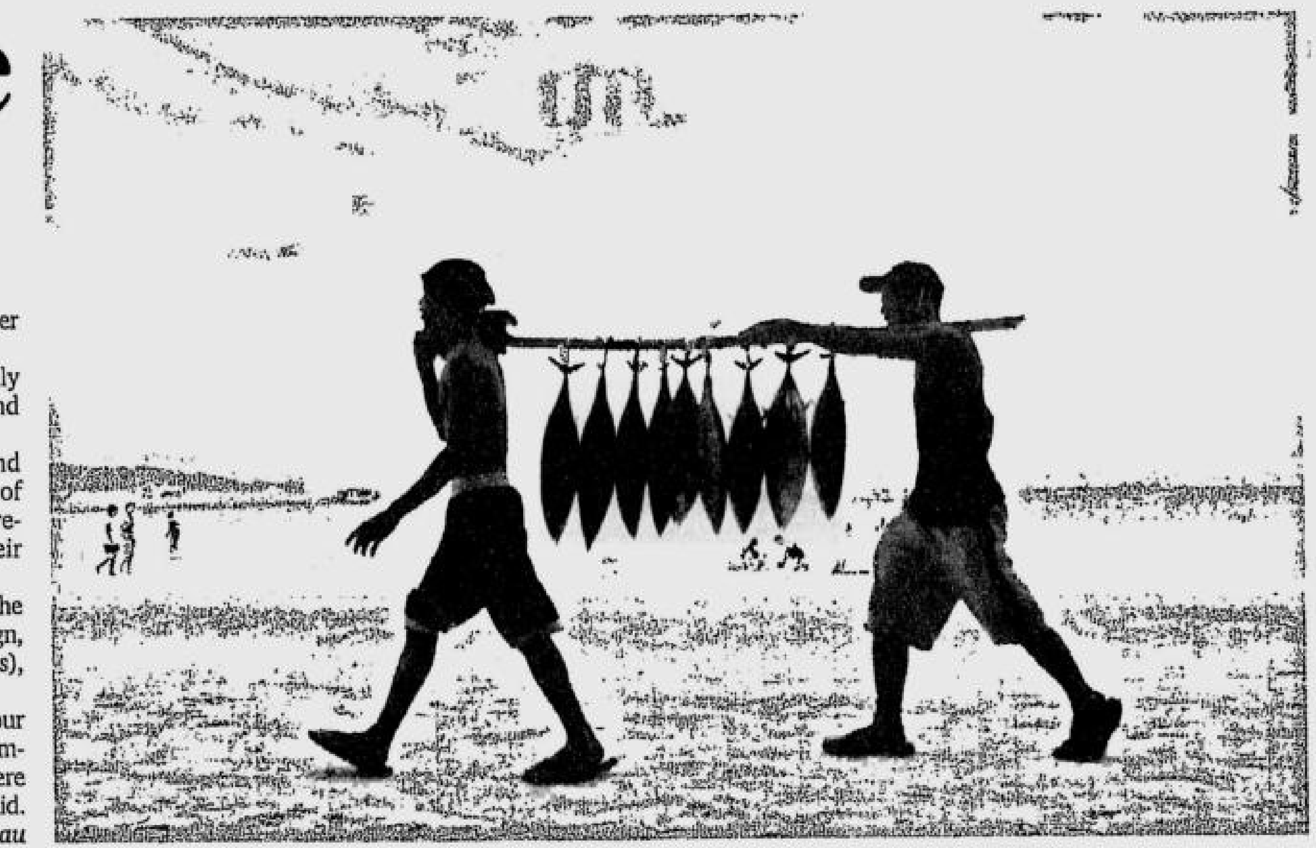
*Aedis egypti*, the mosquito species mainly responsible for dengue, breeds in clean and still waters.

"If you compare the deaths last year and this year, you could see the looming danger of having more dengue cases if communities remain unmindful of the cleanliness of their surrounding," Moreno said.

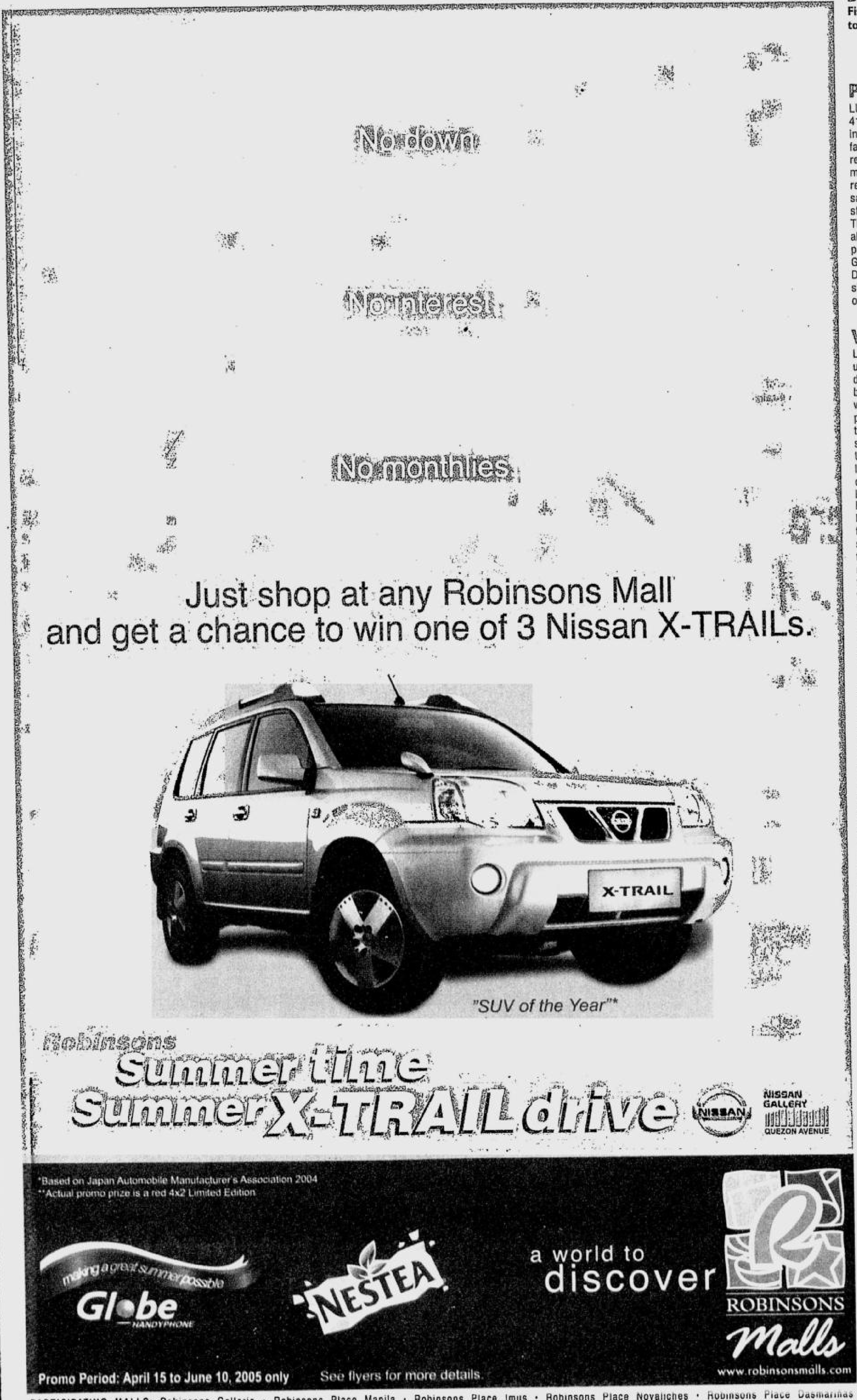
Moreno said various health units in the province have started a massive campaign, dubbed as "Sumpo Lamok" (prevent mosquitoes), to curb the spread of the deadly disease.

"We want to avert the worst scenario thus our Dengue Task Force has five fogging teams to immediately address the need of areas where dengue cases could be monitored," Moreno said.

*Grace Cantal-Albasin, PDI Mindanao Bureau*



**DAY'S HARVEST** VAL HANDUMON
**Fishermen display tuna they caught, hoping to sell them to tourists on Boracay Island.**



No down

No interest

No monthlies

Just shop at any Robinsons Mall and get a chance to win one of 3 Nissan X-TRAILs.

"SUV of the Year"*

Robinsons Summer time Summer X-TRAIL drive

NISSAN GALLERY QUEZON AVENUE

*Based on Japan Automobile Manufacturer's Association 2004
**Actual promo prize is a red 4x2 Limited Edition

making a great summer possible Globe HANDYPHONE

NESTEA

a world to discover

ROBINSONS Malls

www.robinsonsmalls.com

Promo Period: April 15 to June 10, 2005 only See flyers for more details.

PARTICIPATING MALLS: Robinsons Galleria • Robinsons Place Manila • Robinsons Place Imus • Robinsons Place Novaliches • Robinsons Place Dasmariñas Robinsons Place Sta. Rosa • Robinsons Town Mall Los Baños • Robinsons Place Lipa • Robinsons Starmills Pampanga • Robinsons Metro East • Robinsons Place Cainta • Robinsons Place Iloilo Robinsons Place Cebu • Robinsons Place Bacolod • Robinsons Cagayan de Oro • Robinsons Place Pioneer • Robinsons Place Angeles • Robinsons Metro Bacolod Per DTI NCR Permit No. 0828 Series of 2005

## ROUNDUP

### Police hunt ex-soldier

LUCENA CITY—Police operatives from the 414th Police Provincial Mobile Group are hunting a former Army soldier after he figured in a failed car theft in Infanta, Quezon last week. In a report, Supt. Pablito Duron, 414th PPMG commander, identified the suspect as Albert Planas, resident of Barangay Banugao, Infanta. Police said the suspect was last spotted driving a stolen Tamaraw FX (TKL-692) toward Real town. The vehicle, owned by one Edwin Ruanto, was allegedly taken away by the suspect while it was parked in front of ROJ Videoke Bar in Barangay Gumain, Infanta. In a follow-up operation, Duron said they found the abandoned vehicle inside a warehouse, a few meters from the house of the suspect.

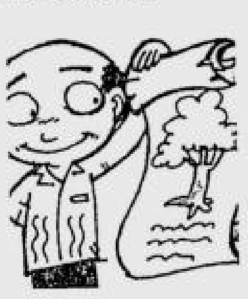
*Delfin Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

### Wives vs husbands

LUCENA CITY—Fed up with the drug addiction of their husbands, two desperate wives recently sought police help to put their respective spouses in jail. In Unisan town, Jacqueline de la Paz, resident of Barangay Bolo, contacted the police through a text message, saying her husband, Cesar Cruz, was having shabu. When the police arrived, the lawmen found a plastic sachet, believed to be containing shabu, from the suspect. In Tiaong town, Benny Perez, a resident of Barangay Lalig, sought protection from the police against her husband, Edwin, who was allegedly "high" on shabu and ransacking the house. The wife told the police that her jobless husband often created trouble when under the influence of the illegal drug. Police also found a plastic sachet believed to be shabu in the possession of the suspect.

*Delfin Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

### Forum on environment



CITY OF CALAPAN—A multi-sectoral forum will be held in Ponderosa, Puerto Galera on June 8. Initiated by the Provincial Care Council led by Bishop Warlito Cajandig, the forum will be participated in by major decision makers in the province. The other week, the City of Calapan also held its first meeting to organize the city care council. The council is a forum for issues where the outputs will be passed on to responsible agencies.

*Madonna Virola, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

### Girl dies in fire

BACOLOD CITY—A 9-year-old girl was killed in a fire that hit her home at about 2 a.m. on Wednesday in Purok Tambipalad, Barangay 10 this city. Jocelyn Tan suffered serious burns and died at the Corazon Locsin Montelibano Memorial Regional Hospital here. Fire investigator FO2 Harry Fernandez of the Bureau of Fire and Penology said the fire was triggered by an unattended lighted alcohol lamp, which fell near the girl's bed. Her mosquito net and other light materials immediately caught fire. Joseph Tan, the girl's father, told fire investigators he was outside his daughter's room when he heard her calling for help. He grabbed a jug of water to put out the blaze. He said the girl was unconscious when he managed to get her out of the room. A tricycle driver brought her to the hospital but she did not make it.

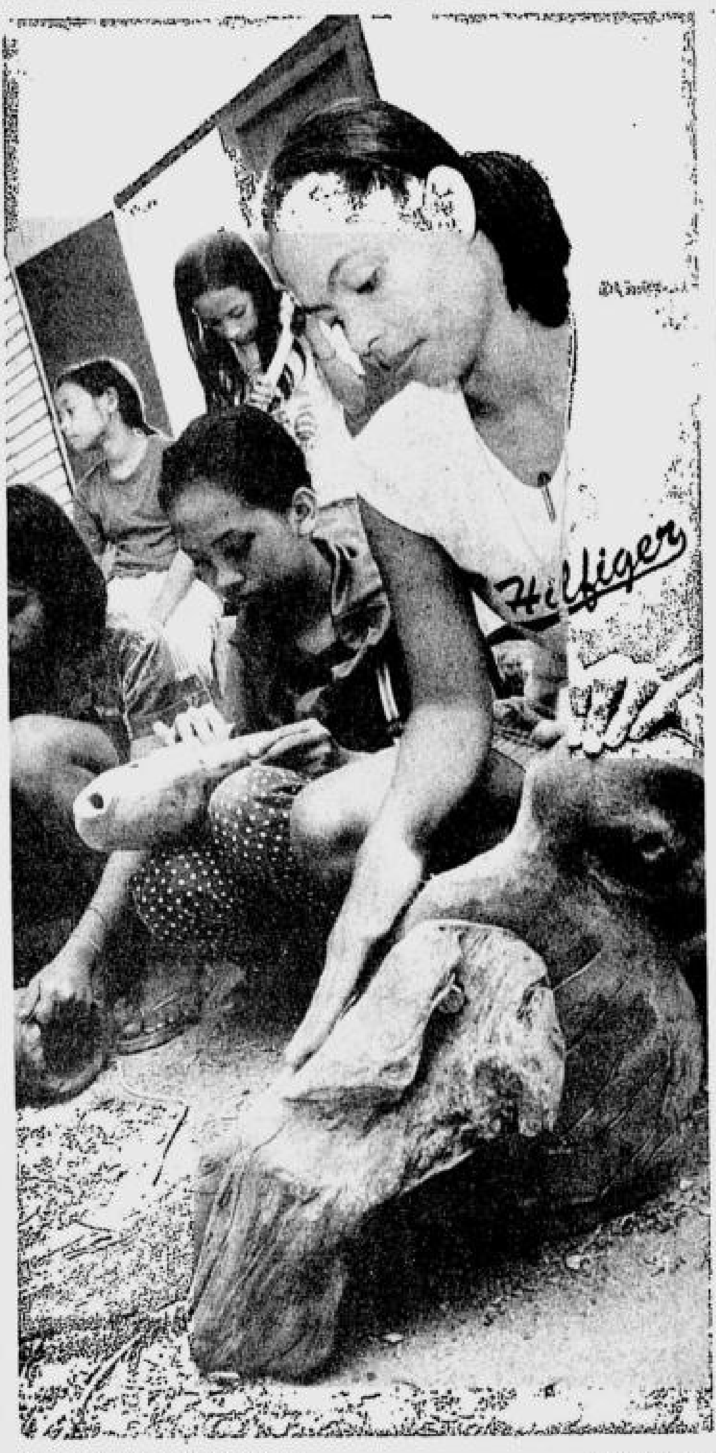
*Carla Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau*

### 4 die as jeep plunges

MATI, Davao Oriental—At least four people were killed while 25 others were injured when a jeep bound for this town from Baganga town fell off a cliff in Manay town early morning Tuesday. The police were only able to identify three of the fatalities. These were Jong Jong Lunay, Thomas Lunay and Roberto Mangglub. The fourth victim was an unidentified adult male. Senior Insp. Romeo Pal, Manay police chief, said that three of the injured passengers remained in serious condition. Andy Morales, a survivor, said the driver, identified as Jun Lunay, dozed off while driving.

*Ferdinand Zuasola, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

# Teams now hunting masterminds in Esperat slay



**GOOD OUT OF BAD** JOSEPH AGCAOILI

Children in General Nakar, Quezon learn how to carve pieces of sculpture out of timber washed down from their town's mountain by recent typhoons and as a result of deforestation.

COTABATO CITY—Justice Secretary Raul Gonzales said the government has deployed agents from the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), the police's Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) and soldiers to hunt the alleged masterminds in the murder of journalist Marlene Esperat.

Earlier, Army sergeant Rowie Barua, one of the four suspects arrested by policemen shortly after Esperat was gunned down in Tacurong City on Maundy Thursday, claimed that it was Osmeña Montañer, finance officer of the Department of Agriculture in Central Mindanao and accountant Estrella Sabay, who ordered them to kill the journalist.

Barua said they were paid P120,000 to kill Esperat.

Montañer and Sabay were eventually charged with murder and on May 20, Judge Francis Palmones of the Regional Trial Court Branch 20 of Tacurong City, issued a warrant for their arrest.

The two suspected masterminds could not be located since then.

Gonzales told radio station dxMY here on Wednesday that the hunt for Montañer extends to Lanao del Sur. The agriculture official hails from Malabang town.

Esperat, 45, a former chemist of the Department of Agriculture regional office, filed graft charges against several agriculture officials including Montañer and Sabay.

When Esperat eventually resigned from the agency, she pursued a career in journalism and continued her exposés through a column at the weekly Midland Review in Tacurong City.

As this developed, a police officer who recommended Montañer and Sabay's inclusion in the murder charges said he has been receiving death threats, too.

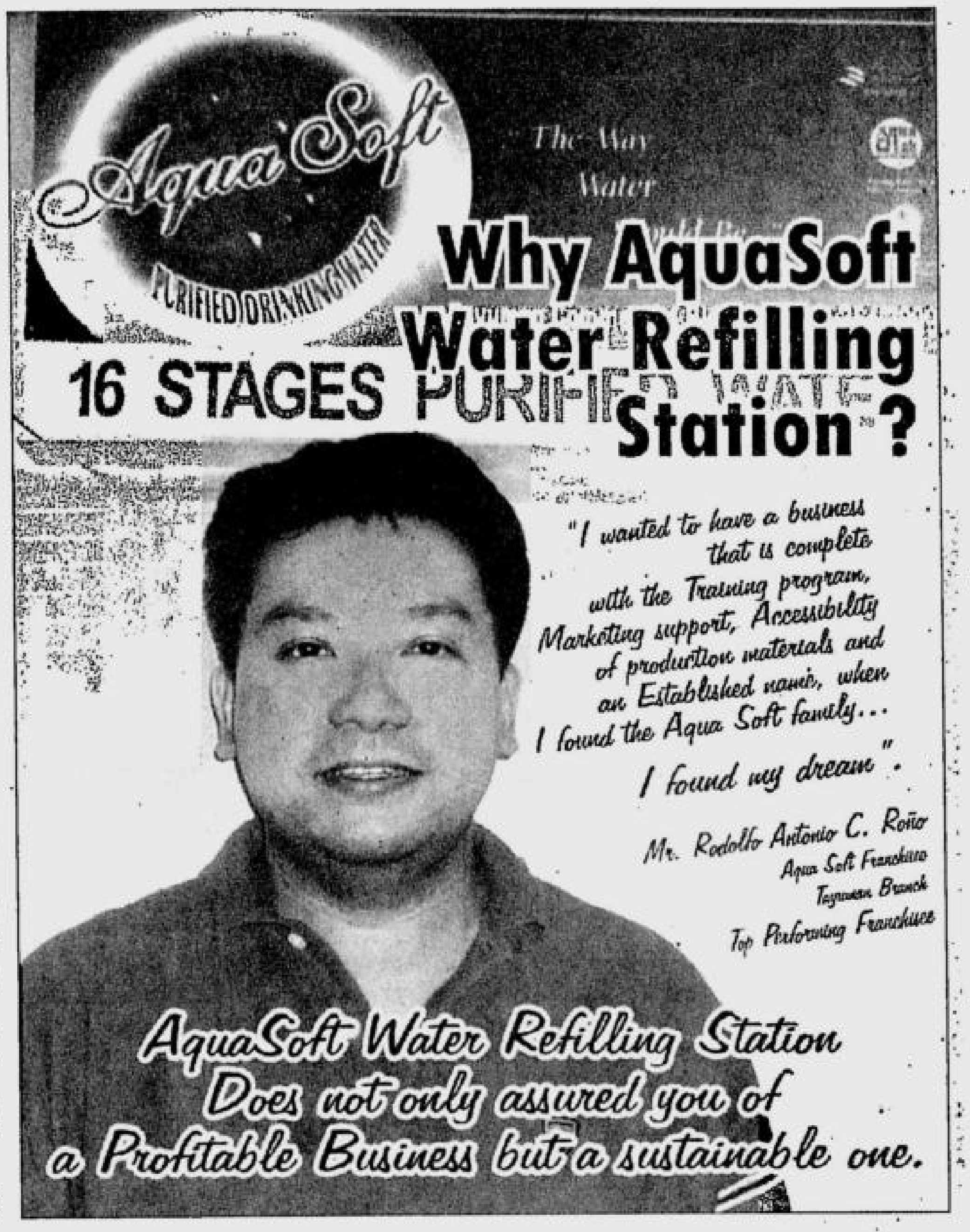
Supt. Danilo Galapon, chief of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group in Central Mindanao, told the INQUIRER that he also received reports that a group of armed men were sent off to take him and his aides.

"I received the reported plan against me earlier this month. However, I consider it normal and only part of our job," Galapon said.

"But we are prepared for any eventuality that may happen. We are taking extra precautionary measures," he added.

In Ozamiz City, journalists in Misamis Occidental province are split on the question of carrying firearms as a measure to protect them against threats.

In a survey conducted among 20 journalists by the Catholic-owned local weekly Malindang Herald, 10 respondents said carrying a gun somehow assures safety while the other 10 think otherwise. Jeoffrey Maitem, Aquiles Zonio and Ryan Rosauro, PDI Mindanao Bureau

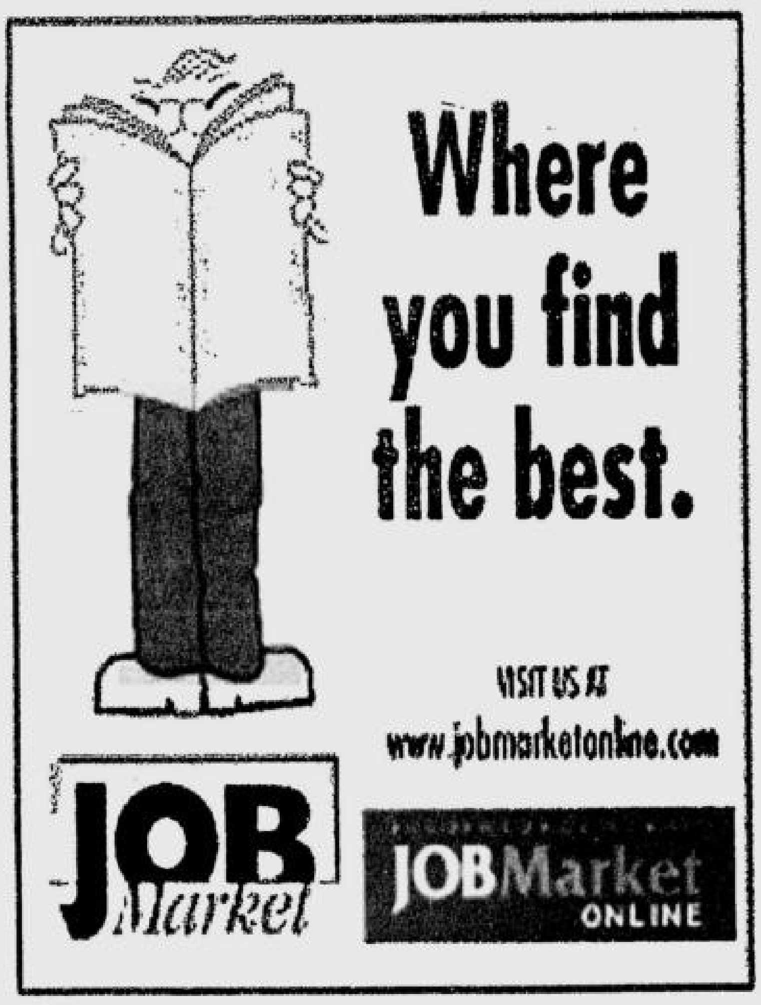


Why AquaSoft Water Refilling Station?

"I wanted to have a business that is complete with the Training program, Marketing support, Accessibility of production materials and an Established name, when I found the Aqua Soft family... I found my dream".

Mr. Rodolfo Antonio C. Roño
Aqua Soft Franchisee
Taguman Branch
Top Performing Franchisee

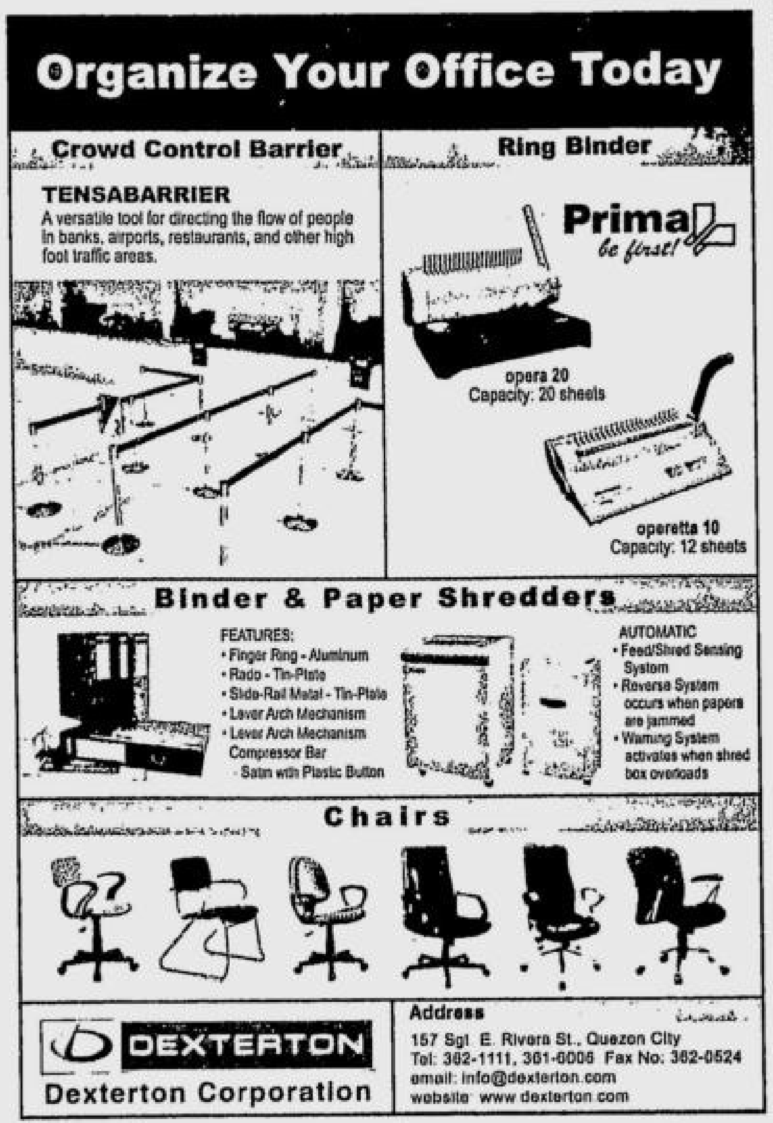
AquaSoft Water Refilling Station Does not only assured you of a Profitable Business but a sustainable one.



Where you find the best.

VISIT US AT
www.jobmarketonline.com

JOB Market
JOBMarket ONLINE



Organize Your Office Today

Crowd Control Barrier
TENSABARRIER
A versatile tool for directing the flow of people in banks, airports, restaurants, and other high foot traffic areas.

Ring Binder
Prima be first!
opera 20
Capacity: 20 sheets
operetta 10
Capacity: 12 sheets

Binder & Paper Shredders
FEATURES:
- Finger Ring - Aluminum
- Rado - Tin-Plate
- Slide-Rail Metal - Tin-Plate
- Lever Arch Mechanism
- Lever Arch Mechanism Compressor Bar
  - Satin with Plastic Button

AUTOMATIC
- Feed/Shred Sensing System
- Reverse System occurs when papers are jammed
- Warning System activates when shred box overloads

Chairs

DEXTERTON
Dexterton Corporation

Address
157 Sgt. E. Rivera St., Quezon City
Tel: 362-1111, 361-0006 Fax No: 362-0524
email: info@dexterton.com
website: www.dexterton.com

ASUS®

TWO WAY deal coming YOUR WAY

ONLY Php 69,900

Pair up on power mobility with the ASUS A3 and Printer Bundle. Now the only computing you'll be doing is on your top-of-the-line notebook packed with its very own printer at a fraction of the cost.

QUALITY, TECHNOLOGY, VALUE it's what makes ASUS the better choice.

2 YEAR GLOBAL WARRANTY

ASUS A3 Notebook—• Intel Centrino Dothan 2 MB L2 cache at 1.5 GHz • 256 MB DDR RAM • 40 GB Hard Disk Drive • 14" TFT Active LCD Display • Embedded Intel 855 GM VGA • Combo Drive • Intel PRO-Wireless 2100 LAN 802.11 bg• Windows XP ( Home Edition ) • Smart Card Reader • ASUS Power4 Gear Technology • Built-in Mic • Audio DJ • 2.5 kgs.
Colored Desktop Printer—• 4800 dpi hi photo resolution • can work with single ink cartridge • ink consummable one of the lowest in terms of cost per page

ASUS SERVICE CENTER:

ASUS WORLD
Cyberzone, 4th Floor
SM Megamall, Bldg. B
(02) 638.2955

Complink (02) 920-9140 to 41
TCA (02) 637-1200
Silicon Valley (02) 371-5611 to 19
Villman Computer Systems, Inc.
(02) 892-2222
Accent Micro 426-9829
NTComputer Mart 633-4690

E-Hub (02) 775-0140 to 41
Electroworld 813-6154
Octagon Computers 635-9087
Times Computer 733-1142 to 43
Compex 711-0288

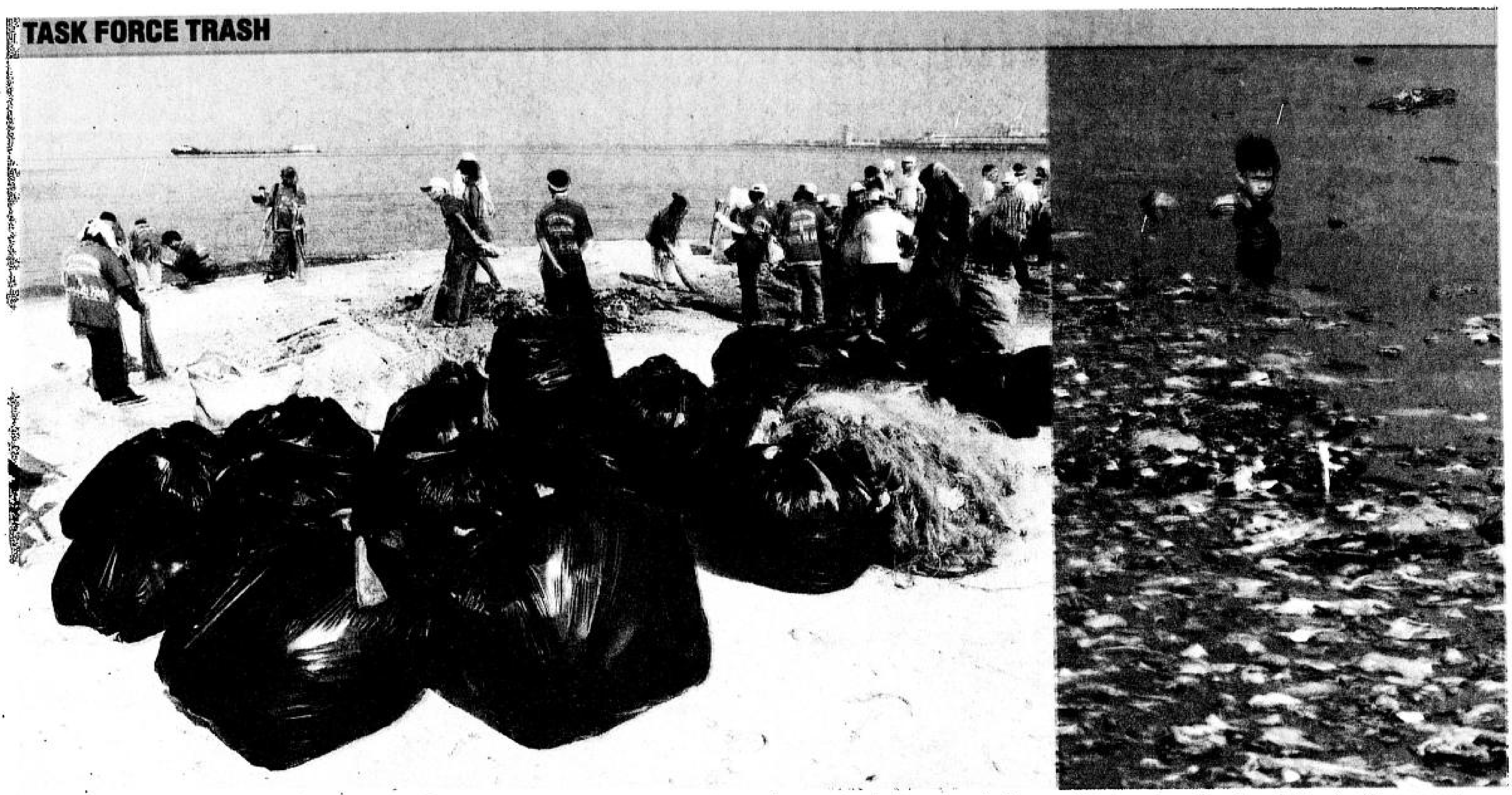
Thinking Tools (032) 254-2227
X-Comp (032) 262-5155 to 57
Wired Systems (032) 255-5282
Concept Iloilo (034) 337-6874

BCG Computers Bacolod
(034) 434-2532 to 39
Microstation 637-1473
Storapple 811-1421 to 25
PC Live 634-2438
Asianic 893-0408
PC Corner 723-2837
PC Gilmore 722-0184

ASUS
HEART of TECHNOLOGY

For sales inquiries, please email: asusnotebookpc@gmail.com

## TASK FORCE TRASH



The Baseco Compound in Tondo, Manila, gets a cleanup from members of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts and other government agencies engaged in making the community "clean and green." The cleanup, which was accompanied by livelihood training for residents, yielded a harvest of trash. But scavenging for recyclable items from the refuse of others is still a means of livelihood in the area. The sea of garbage surrounding Baseco (above right) serves as a bizarre treasure trove for a young boy.

REM ZAMORA

# Where in the world is Mike A? In South Korea, says his brother

BACOLOD CITY—First Gentleman Jose Miguel "Mike" Arroyo is in South Korea to speak before civic groups there and will return to the country either on Saturday or Sunday.

Negros Occidental Rep. Ignacio Arroyo Jr. disclosed this yesterday to prove that his older brother was not in hiding to escape allegations of involvement in "jueteng" payoffs.

The congressman said his brother, a Rotarian, was in South Korea for the speaking engagements and for some sight-seeing.

From South Korea, Mike Arroyo will go to Hong Kong for two days before returning to Manila.

"There are no charges that have been filed against my brother nor any invitation for him to appear before any body so there is nothing for him to run away from," said Ignacio Arroyo.

He reiterated that he, his brother and his nephew, Pampanga Rep. Mikey Arroyo, were not involved in the illegal numbers game.

ARROYO

He added he was prepared to appear before any Senate or House inquiry on jueteng.

Mike Arroyo left on May 20, a day after an alleged jueteng operator and two bagmen claimed that they had allegedly given or collected protection money for the Arroyos.

Ignacio said he, Mike, their sister Marilou and cousins Severo Tuason and Angeles Quimson left for Singapore last Friday for a long-planned vacation.

"We each paid for our own expenses. It was a vacation among us cousins because even in Manila, we are seldom able to get together to bond," he said.

"We are getting old and seldom are able to find time to get together to reminisce about old times," he added.

Ignacio said he returned to the country last Sunday while his older brother flew on to South Korea.

Tuason went to Australia where his family resides and Quimson to England where she lives for part of the year.

Bacolod Bishop Vicente Navarra yesterday said he was glad the government had stepped up the campaign to stamp out illegal gambling and said he supported it.

"Illegal gambling is hurting our poor people and disseminating distorted values regarding economic and social life," he said. *Carla P. Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau*

# LP fielding ARMM bet

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

SENATE President Franklin Drilon endorsed the Liberal Party's candidate for governor of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, saying the region needs "better governance" to solve its poverty and peace and order problems.

"It is about time that the people of the Muslim Mindanao region be given an opportunity to select leaders who can serve as effective development managers and will bring jobs to the poor Muslims. Certainly we need better governance in Muslim Mindanao," said Drilon, chair of the LP.

Drilon said "too much political considerations" governed the choice of ARMM leaders in the past and that it was time competent development-oriented managers were elected to the post.

But Drilon made a political endorsement. He offered the candidacy of businessman Datu Ibrahim Toto Paglas III and his running mate, Hata Dimaporo, brother of Rep. Abdullah Dimaporo.

"The Liberal Party is offering the people of the (ARMM) the option of electing political leaders who, for a change, can finally bring about effective governance, economic development and transparency to the regional government," he said.

Drilon claimed that as an entrepreneur, Paglas was able to bring in billions of pesos in foreign investments to Central Mindanao.

After being postponed a few times, the ARMM election is due to be held this August.

# Pagasa: Rainy days here ...

From page A1

season. The weather disturbances, he said, were caused by frontal systems affecting northern and central Luzon.

### Temperature changes

"But these are signs that the movement of the air in the atmosphere is already changing with changes in the temperature," he said.

Asked if these were signs that the rainy season was near, Cruz said: "Yes."

Cruz said the next Pagasa advisory on the El Niño phenomenon would be an announcement that it was over.

Cruz described the latest El Niño as weak. He said the rise in sea temperatures in the equatorial Pacific was not as high as in the previous El Niños.

Cruz said this also explained why some parts of the country experienced normal rainfall but other areas, like the Visayas and Mindanao, did not.

He said if it was a stronger El Niño like the country experienced in 1997 and 1998, the rainy season would be significantly delayed.

### More intense?

Asked when a more intense El Niño would occur, Cruz said: "It's hard to say. Some monitoring centers around the globe tell us that we might expect another el Niño before the year ends. That is shocking but they are not 100 percent sure."

"But there are some scientific institutions that tell us otherwise, that for the rest of the year there will be no El Niño," he said.

He said that if El Niño did not return before the end of 2005, the people must be prepared for typhoons, especially from October to December.

The country is expected to have its normal number of tropical cyclones and that means 20 a year. *With a report from Jhunnex Napallacan, PDI Visayas Bureau*

# MISSING PIECES OF EVIDENCE SOUGHT

As the investigation into the murder of management executive Jerson Morales continues, police are looking for missing pieces of crucial evidence that can serve as links to the solving of the almost three-month-old case.

According to Task Force Morales Head Supt. Leo Santiago, his team has yet to recover the missing murder weapon which, based on forensic findings conducted on the bullets found in the crime scene, is a .38 caliber pistol.

Santiago reported that previous searches conducted inside the bar failed to locate the weapon used to kill the 28-year-old Morales. Searches done in surrounding areas of the bar also turned out empty. The police are now in the process of securing search warrants to inspect the houses of those considered as suspects to the crime. Santiago said, "While it's possible that the gun was taken by the killer and dumped somewhere else, my men and I are not discounting the possibility that he or she held on (to the gun)."

Also reported missing is the mobile phone of the victim. Based on witnesses accounts, Morales had his cellphone – a silver phone with MMS capability and camera – with him at the Purple Pear bar the night he was killed. Morales was said to have stepped out to the parking lot of the bar to get a stronger cellphone signal moments before two gunshots were heard from inside.

"We hope that whoever has any information about the victim's missing cellphone will come forward. It's highly probable that the messages or numbers stored in that phone can uncover new leads for our investigation," Santiago said.

This is an INQuest Adventure game clue

For previous chapters & clues, log on to www.inquestor.com

REGISTER NOW FOR FREE! Text INQ Reg <full name>*<complete address>*<age>*<gender> (Ex. INQ Reg Juan dela Cruz*1234 Ortigas Ave Pasig*34*M). Send to 2320 for Globe/Touch Mobile and Sun Cellular subscribers or 309 for Smart/Addict/Talk 'N Text subscribers.

Live in Paradise
THE MEDITERRAZA VILLAGES OF
CLUB MOROCCO
BEACH RESORT
& RESIDENTIAL ESTATES
SUBIC, ZAMBALES

Live your dream vacation
7 days a week, 24 hours a day!
Club Morocco lets you live your dream holiday
in your very own abode in these
THREE EXCLUSIVE VILLAGES:
- Villa Monaco
- Villa Ibiza
- Villa Venezia

Join us for our
OPEN HOUSE
May 28, 2005

CONTACT US:
(02) 723-4014 / 724-7107 / 726-4205
Text us your inquiries:
clubmorocco_(your name)_cell no. and send to 2960

STA. LUCIA Realty & Development, Inc.
ROYALE HOMES MARKETING CORPORATION
www.royalehomes.com.ph

"NEW" choppers: An airman wipes down one of three newly refurbished UH-1H "Huey" helicopters before these were blessed Thursday at Villamor Air Base. The three choppers were the last batch of 20 refurbished Hueys procured from Singapore Technologies Aerospace (STA) to augment the fleet of the Philippine Air Force. AP/BULLIT MARQUEZ

UNIVERSITY P
ARR
es

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo confers the President's Medal on Dr. Ricardo Pama, newly appointed president of the Angeles University Foundation, during investiture ceremonies held Wednesday at the Holiday Inn resort, Clark Field, Pampanga. OPS

# 'Jueteng' probes losing steam

From page A1

tingent to the Commission on Appointments.

Pichay's remarks surprised reporters covering the House, which had often insisted on its power to conduct investigations in aid of legislation.

But Pichay said the House could clip its powers momentarily to allow the Department of Justice and other agencies to handle the jueteng inquiry, "so this would be based on proper investigative procedures and rules of evidence."

He said the DOJ, although headed by an ally of President Macapagal-Arroyo, should be allowed to exercise its jurisdiction over the issue of jueteng.

The jueteng scandal has lately included members of the First Family.

Last week, three men supposedly involved in jueteng said they had collected protection money for the President's husband and elder son, which both have denied.

Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. also said he surmised that Ms Arroyo had benefited from jueteng, although he added that he had no proof.

## Not equipped

Santiago pointed out that most lawmakers were not lawyers equipped with the skills to elicit the truth from witnesses.

She said the Senate should leave the matter, particularly the question of who in the government were on the take from jueteng lords, to the Philippine National Police or the National Bureau of Investigation.

"If we're referring to the criminal investigation to ferret out who are the government officials taking bribes, that is a waste of time," she said, adding:

"Maybe there should be an independent presidential commission, like [what they have] in the United States when there is a major scandal. But we simply are not equipped here in the Senate.

Like Sen. Manuel "Lito" Lapid, chair of one of the committees scheduled to handle the investigation, Santiago said the legislature should confine itself to the issue of whether jueteng should be legalized or not.

"I'm not optimistic about the results," she told reporters. "We have seen this kind of an exercise periodically in the Philippine Congress, and it has never resulted in anything."

## Ground for whitewash

Pimentel, however, accused Malacañang of trying to railroad the Senate investigation this early.

He said the attack on him and Senators Panfilo Lacson and Lapid by Antipolo Rep. Ronaldo Puno, a member of the President's Kampi party, was meant to lay the "ground for whitewashing" the inquiry.

Puno was reported as saying that the three senators had no moral ascendancy to conduct the inquiry because of their failure to stop jueteng when they were in a position to do so as local officials or as the police chief in the past.

Lacson issued a veiled threat to Puno.

"They should not push me to the wall because up to now I have not lifted a finger to get to the bottom of all these things," he said, adding that he had only been receiving information from witnesses who had sought him out.

"They should not wait for me to seek out witnesses because some of their allies may just find themselves in a deeper hole," Lacson said.

## Following the process

Pichay pointed out that even Lingayen-Dagupan Archbishop Oscar Cruz said in a radio interview yesterday that he had faith in Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez's ability to conduct a full and impartial probe into jueteng.

"We have an opportunity to act in a statesman-like manner. If we have the goods on gambling lords and their coddlers in authority, then let's give this to the authorities so they can file the necessary cases against the guilty," he said.

"While the opposition admitted they likewise have no evidence against the First Family, they continue to vilify the Arroyos in a clear attempt to discredit the administration," he added.

## Administrative raps

Pichay also said that if lawmakers were sincere about solving the problem of illegal gambling, "we should follow the process of investigation, prosecution and trial in the proper venue, which is [akin to] the courts."

Chief State Prosecutor Jovencito Zuño, who is part of the anti-jueteng panel Gonzalez formed last week, said that while evidence provided by Archbishop Cruz and other persons might be insufficient to pin down governors and mayors implicated in jueteng, these could be enough to make an administrative charge stick.

Meeting with the DOJ panel on Wednesday, Cruz submitted a list of 16 supposed jueteng lords operating in 24 provinces nationwide, and their alleged protectors, including governors, mayors and other government officials.

Zuño said that since the evidence Cruz had submitted was not backed by the actual testimony of witnesses, this was considered "hearsay" and might not serve as a strong basis for criminal prosecution.

"But this may be sufficient for administrative charges because the quantum of evidence needed in administrative proceedings is less than that required for criminal prosecution," he said.

But he said the task of initiating administrative charges against local government officials rested in the hands of the Department of Interior and Local Government.

"We are concerned only with the prosecution of criminal cases. That is why we are conducting this fact-finding investigation—to establish evidence for purposes of criminal prosecution," Zuño said.

## Cruz's witness

Gonzalez disclosed that among the witnesses of Archbishop Cruz was the son of a governor of a Luzon province, a supposed financier of jueteng.

But he said the witness was hesitant to come out because "he is receiving death threats."

Gonzalez also said he had received information that a brother of a ranking Philippine National Police official was a jueteng operator in Cagayan Valley.

"We will subject this information to verification. I think this is a legitimate issue for [PNP chief Arturo] Lomibao to answer when we meet [Thursday]," he said.

## *Evangelicals pray for success vs 'jueteng'*

SORSOGON CITY—The Jesus the Life-Giver Fellowship yesterday held a prayer assembly for the success of the Philippine National Police in its anti-jueteng drive.

Pastor Allan Lopez of the interfaith group said God was the ultimate hope of the PNP for its triumph over lawlessness and vice.

"When God intercedes, there is nothing impossible," said Lopez, a medical doctor by profession.

During the 90-minute activity at the Sorsogon seaport, the congregation "prayed over" police officers led by Insp. Nelly Jazmin, deputy chief of the city police.

Pastors from other religious organizations—the Reigning and Ruling in Christ, God's Holy Light, Lamb of God Global Mission and Church of the Nazarene—took part in the pray-over.

Jazmin said she and her colleagues were happy that religious groups had included the police in their prayers.

"We should not forget spirituality, whatever job we are doing," Jazmin said in the vernacular. She added that she felt good after being prayed over.

The assembly also prayed for government officials, so they would not be tempted to commit graft and corruption.

Lopez said the assembly would invite the Roman Catholic Church and Iglesia ni Cristo to the next prayer session. *Juan Escandor Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

# Solon asks: Where have all the 'jueteng' men gone?

From page A1

gions in Luzon were now "jueteng"-free.

"Did the jueteng *bangka* (financier), *kubrador* (collector) and *kabo* (table manager) simply walk away? Where are they now?" Escudero said, expressing puzzlement over how Lomibao could make such a declaration in the absence of big arrests.

"How did [the PNP] stop jueteng? By simply saying *'Tigil na'* (Stop it)? What kind of magic did [it] employ?" he said.

Per Lomibao's announcements on Tuesday and Wednesday, operations of the illegal numbers game had stopped in Regions I (Ilocos), II (Cagayan Valley), III (Central Luzon) and IV-B or Mimaropa (Mindoro, Marinduque, Romblon and Palawan), and the Cordillera Administrative Region.

If what Lomibao said was true, Escudero said he wanted to know "how in the world" a crime "so pervasive and extensive" as jueteng could be stopped so quickly.

"Were [the jueteng lords and their personnel so] afraid of the PNP that they sought refuge in the mountains?" he said. "What happened to them? Did they all pack their belongings to go abroad?"

## Everyone down the line

Escudero said it was incumbent on Lomibao to make some arrests, lest people view the anti-jueteng drive as just part of the "theater of politics."

"If there is a crime, the way to stop or solve it is to arrest the perpetrators," he said.

With the deadline for local police chiefs to submit "jueteng-free" certifications expiring today, PNP senior officials yesterday warned that even the highest police officials in Luzon would face the ax if their subordinates failed to stop the illegal numbers game.

"Command responsibility will apply. The 'one-strike' rule will be observed, and commanders will be responsible for their subordinates," said PNP Deputy Director General Ricardo de Leon, deputy chief for administration.

"It means everyone down the line [would be held responsible]," he said.

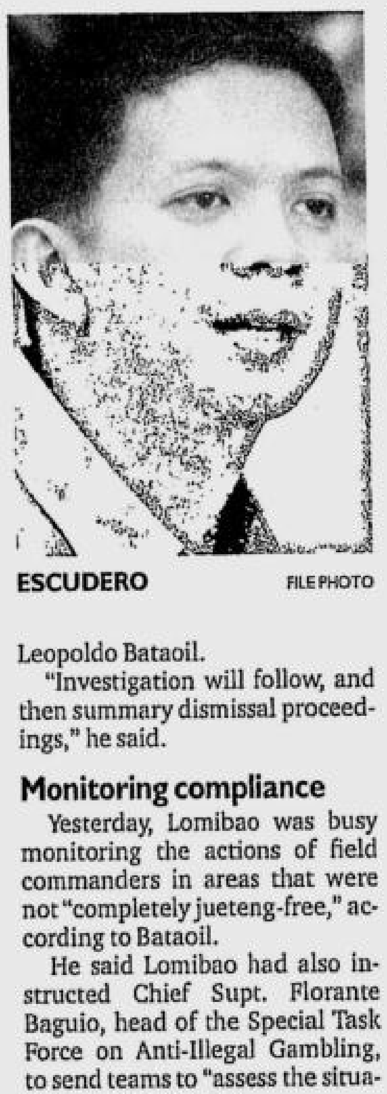
Each field commander has until 5 p.m. today to submit to Lomibao a certification bearing the signatures of the local police chief, mayor and parish priest (or leader of the dominant church in the area).

Starting tomorrow, the "one-strike policy" will cover precinct commanders in Metro Manila, and town or city police chiefs in the regions.

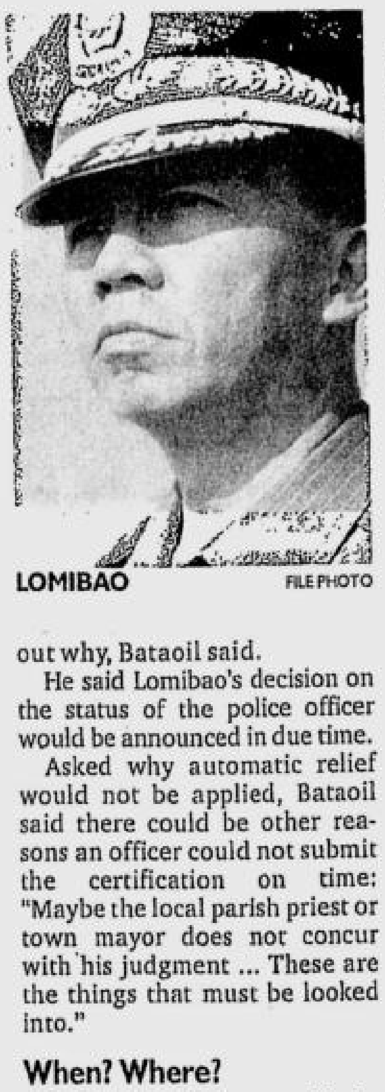
If another police unit, say the Special Task Force on Anti-Illegal Gambling, manages to stamp out jueteng operations in a town, that town's police chief will automatically be sacked.

The relief of three local police chiefs will also mean the sacking of the provincial director. The same will happen to a regional director if three provincial police chiefs under his supervision are relieved.

A sacked police officer will be immediately pulled out and assigned to the provincial or higher headquarters, according to PNP spokesperson Senior Supt. Leopoldo Bataoil.



ESCUDERO FILE PHOTO



LOMIBAO FILE PHOTO

"Investigation will follow, and then summary dismissal proceedings," he said.

## Monitoring compliance

Yesterday, Lomibao was busy monitoring the actions of field commanders in areas that were not "completely jueteng-free," according to Bataoil.

He said Lomibao had also instructed Chief Supt. Florante Baguio, head of the Special Task Force on Anti-Illegal Gambling, to send teams to "assess the situation on the ground."

Bataoil added that the PNP would accept—and even encourage—information from Church people, residents and the media about jueteng operations in Luzon.

If a police chief fails to submit a "jueteng-free" certification by 5 p.m. today, the provincial director should find out why, Bataoil said.

He said Lomibao's decision on the status of the police officer would be announced in due time.

Asked why automatic relief would not be applied, Bataoil said there could be other reasons an officer could not submit the certification on time: "Maybe the local parish priest or town mayor does not concur with his judgment ... These are the things that must be looked into."

## When? Where?

Escudero, a lawyer, said the jueteng situation was like burglars breaking into a house one night and the police chief announcing a day later that the burglary had been solved—but without showing the blotter or progress report of the crime.

"When did the arrests happen? Were they arrested? Where?" he said.

Assuming, Escudero added, that these regions were indeed jueteng-free, "does it mean that it's that easy to stop this game of chance?"

"But this logical reasoning will bring us to a more crucial point: Why only now?" he said.

Escudero said the situation could also corroborate what had long been said by concerned parties, including antijueteng crusader Lingayen-Dagupan Archbishop Oscar Cruz: That all that was needed to stop jueteng was an order from President Macapagal-Arroyo.

He said the speed with which jueteng was wiped out in the five regions could only mean that "all along, it was within their (the authorities') control."

Escudero demanded that the PNP make available to the public the "jueteng-free" certifications required of all field commanders.

"I can no longer trust the word of the PNP. We must ask bishops if indeed their parishes and diocese are cleared of jueteng," he said, pointing out that a supposed jueteng operator and two bagmen had earlier told the INQUIRER that PNP officials were receiving payola.

## Gravestones

Two weeks ago, Escudero stood up during a plenary session to ask about the PNP's failure to stop jueteng.

He said that according to police records last year, only P11,000 was confiscated by the PNP despite its touted intensified campaign against jueteng.

"And half of the names of suspected jueteng collectors recorded by the police were found on gravestones in the cemeteries," he said.

On Wednesday, Bataoil said the PNP accomplishment report on the campaign against illegal gambling from 1998 to the first four months of this year showed that police arrested 141,629 people, 1,040 of whom were financiers.

Parañaque Rep. Roilo Golez also said on Wednesday that the PNP was "too quick" to declare entire regions jueteng-free.

He said PNP officials should submit their status reports to Congress for the scrutiny and "rebuttal" of lawmakers.

But Golez said Lomibao should be supported because the latter "has colleagues in government who want jueteng legalized."

## Never

At a press conference yesterday at the Intercontinental Hotel in Makati, Batangas Gov. Armando Sanchez denied any involvement in jueteng.

"I have never accepted jueteng money, and I am neither a gambling lord nor a jueteng protector," he said in Filipino.

But Sanchez, who is serving his first term, confirmed the "guerrilla operations" of the game in his province, which, he said, had been "totally stopped since last month."

Sanchez was among a number of Luzon governors named by Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez as involved in jueteng. Gonzalez said a female board member had provided evidence of Sanchez's possible involvement. *With reports from Philip C. Tubeza and Fe Zamora*

*Enjoy the best things life has to offer...*

The Villages at LAKEWOOD CITY
Prime Residential Estates
CABANATUAN, NUEVA ECIJA

In the center of Cabanatuan's progressing district stands a new landmark which prides itself of being the most modern masterplanned community in this part of the country—The Villages at Lakewood City.

- Features three first-class villages (Bel Air, Bellevue & Belgrove)
- 20% Discount on minimum required downpayment
- Sysco Dream Homes House & lot packages available

The Lucci Model Home.

Join us for our OPEN HOUSE May 28, 2005

Perspective drawing of the Future Country Clubhouse

DEVELOPER S.TA. LUCIA Realty & Development, Inc.
EXCLUSIVE MARKETING NETWORK ROYALE HOMES MARKETING CORPORATION
www.royalehomes.com.ph

CONTACT US:
(02) 723-4014 / 726-4205 / (044) 600-0014
Text us your inquiries:
lakewood_(your name)_cell no. and send to 2960

# Suspected drug dealers nabbed

**By Tina G. Santos and Miko Morelos, trainee**

AGENTS of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) and the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) arrested three suspected drug dealers, including a 23-year-old man believed to be a big-time distributor of the designer drug Ecstasy, during a series of buy-bust operations.

NBI Deputy Director for Special Investigation Services Alejandro Tenerife said suspect Eric Dulton, of Pasay City, was nabbed at Oval Drive near Glorietta 4 in Makati last May 17 while selling 30 tablets of Ecstasy pills to an undercover agent of the NBI's Anti-Drug Task Force (ADTF).

Ecstasy, considered a high-end drug, is reportedly a sex stimulant. Each tablet costs P2,000 to P5,000.

Dulton had been selling the drug for two years in various clubs and to party-goers in Metro Manila, particularly night spots located in Makati City, according to an investigation.

The suspect said he received the tablets from a Chinese source, who is now being hunted by the NBI.

In another case, ADTF operatives apprehended Olama Torondato, 59, of Pasay City, and Roberto Reyes, 47, of Bacoor, Cavite after they were caught red-handed selling metamphetamine hydrochloride or shabu to NBI agents posing as buyers.

The authorities arrested Torondato at a fast-food restaurant in Baclaran on May 22 after he was caught selling 30 grams of the illegal substance.

Reyes, on the other hand, was apprehended in his hometown last month while he was in the act of selling 32 grams of shabu.

Tenerife said that Reyes is known as a large-scale dealer of shabu in Las Piñas City and Bacoor, Cavite.

He added that the suspects had been charged for violating the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act.

The suspects are now detained at the NBI detention center and were not allowed to post bail.

# Abu suspect talks

**By Tarra V. Quismundo**

A CONFESSED member of the Abu Sayyaf Group took the side of the government yesterday, and testified against the men he once considered as brothers for one cause.

Gappal Bannah Asali, alias Boy Negro, took the stand yesterday as a witness for the prosecution during the trial of several suspects linked to the Feb. 14 bombing in Makati City.

Now under government protection, Asali confirmed the participation of his three companions in the bloody bomb attack in the sala of Makati Regional Trial Court Branch 60 Judge Marissa Guillen yesterday.

The three suspects are Gamal Baharan, Angelo Trinidad, and Rohmat Abdurrohim, alias Jackie Zaky.

"Asali said his Muslim religion does not say that women and children should be killed in battles. And during the Makati bombing, children were injured, and he remembered his own kids," State Prosecutor Emmanuel Velasco told reporters after the hearing.

The state prosecutor said Asali, who had been absolved for his participation in the bomb attack after the court allowed him to turn state witness, decided to testify in court, despite threats his family had allegedly received from the Abu Sayyaf.

"It was not a direct threat, but they took it as such," said Velasco. He added that Asali's wife and two children were already under state protection.

Abu Sayyaff spokesperson Abu Solaiman, along with the group's leader Khaddafy Janjalani, had been charged with multiple murder and multiple frustrated murder for allegedly staging the bombing in Makati which killed four and injured more than 60 others.

The two are still at large.

# Revillame: 'Apology card proves nothing'

**By Laurent Thorigne**

FANS of controversial television host Willie Revillame trooped to the Quezon City Hall of Justice yesterday to show support for the actor as he answered charges of acts of lasciviousness filed against him by a tabloid entertainment editor.

Revillame repeated his denial of Ma. Salvacion Asis' charges that he had made inappropriate advances to her in March 2002, amid pledges of support from about 100 fans.

Responding to Asis' charge that he had apologized for his actions by sending her an "I'm Sorry" card and a dozen peach-colored roses, Revillame said "the apology card means and proves nothing."

He said that Asis, entertainment editor of Pilipino Star Ngayon and Pang Masa, only submitted the evidence to "mislead" the fiscal into believing her accusations.

In his rejoinder-affidavit, Revillame noted that since the card was undated, there was no proof that it was sent to Asis after the incident happened. He added that the contents of the card did not refer to the charges against him.

Last week, Asis submitted an apology card purportedly sent by Revillame to her as evidence before the Quezon City prosecutor's office, to counter an affidavit of Revillame denying the charges.

Asis had said the card disproved Revillame's earlier counter-affidavit in which he denied that had apologized to the complainant.

A portion of the card read: "I hope you can forgive me and believe that I'm truly sorry." It was addressed to "Salve" and signed "Willie."

Revillame said the contents of the card could be referring to "a different incident that could have happened prior to the incident under question."

Asis accused Revillame of touching her breasts and forcing her to hold his private parts while on board a van after the host invited her and another journalist, Ian Fariñas, to his home. She also said he kissed her on the lips, cheeks, and ear.

The TV host has denied all the charges. The case has been submitted to the Quezon City prosecutor's office for resolution.

Revillame is also the subject of a sexual harassment case filed last Wednesday by Euanne Bautista, a former dancer on "Wowowee," a TV program where the accused is one of the hosts.

# Mandaluyong health centers get boost

MANDALUYONG Mayor Neptali Gonzales II recently allocated P10.5 million for the city's health program that includes the renovation of buildings, upgrading of facilities and equipment and the improvement of medical services in the city's 26 health centers.

Hundreds of the residents mostly from the less fortunate families depend on the health centers for their medical needs.

A big chunk of the budget was used to procure new medical facilities and other office equipment.

The centers are under the supervision of Dr. Zaldy Carpeso, Executive Director of the Special Committee on Health Care Delivery. The Committee is under the administrative and technical supervision of the City Health Office.

Of the 26 health centers in the city, 10 have been certified by the Department of Health as "Sentrong Sigla" centers that provide preventive health services such as general medical services, dental and optical service, laboratory services, nutrition supplements and immunization programs.

The centers also focus on three major health programs and services: Family Health, Infectious Disease Control and Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases.

For every bottle* of GILBEY'S GIN you buy, get a limited edition collectible item FREE!

pure rewards

Adventure Carabiner w/flashlight
Handy Multi-purpose Toolset
Digital Hookwatch
Laminated Playing Cards
Rubberized Keychains
Wind-resistant Torch lighter

Available in all leading supermarkets, groceries, and convenience stores nationwide.

Drink Moderately

**METRO**

E-mail: pr_metro@inquirer.com.ph

Editor Ester G. Dipasupil

Text us your inquirer met name/age/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

**SUERTRES** 2 4 1

**SIX DIGIT** (In exact order)
3 4 2 8 9 1

**EZ2**
6 29
(In exact order)

**SUPERLOTTO 6/49**
8 32 34 36 45 46
₱29,528,089.50

**SWEEPSTAKES**
1 1 7 3 3 8 P
₱100,000.00

# 2 die in cybersex den raid

By DJ Yap

TWO DUTCH brothers suspected of operating cybersex dens were gunned down Wednesday night in Quezon City after an alleged shootout with anti-illegal recruitment agents.

Killed were Willem van Engelenburg, 44, and his brother Erik, 38, after they allegedly engaged operatives of the Presidential Anti-Illegal Recruitment Task Force (PAIRTF) in a gunfight.

## Search warrant

Police said PAIRTF agents had gone to a house on 6th Street, Barangay Mariana, Quezon City, which was allegedly being used as a cybersex den, to serve a search warrant to the suspects at around 10:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

## Surveillance

The raid was backed up by a search warrant issued by Manila Regional Trial Court Judge Antonio Eugenio Jr. after weeks of surveillance, police said.

When the agents, led by PAIRTF director Reynaldo Jaylo, came upon the Engelenburgs, the brothers suddenly drew their guns and fired at them, a PAIRTF member said. Jaylo and his agents fired back, hitting the Dutch nationals.

## Rescued

An investigator at the Central Police District criminal investigation division said it was Jaylo who shot Erik, but the PAIRTF said this could not yet be determined until an investigation into the incident is over.

The anti-illegal recruitment agents also rescued seven women who were allegedly being used as "sex models" on the Internet, police said.

## Another site

Another cybersex den at 954-A Aurora Boulevard corner Ermin Garcia in Cubao, was also allegedly operated by the brothers, according to a police report.

A PAIRTF member said it was possible that more cybersex dens were being maintained by the brothers.

WILLEM VAN Engelenburg BOY CABRIDO

# First street festival opens at Reposo

By Fran Katigbak

ART AND business are alive and well in a quiet street at the rim of Makati's ritzy business district.

A former residential area, Reposo Street is now a chic enclave for art galleries, furniture showrooms, home stores, photo studios, learning schools and restaurants, all of which contribute to a lively arts and culture scene in the neighborhood.

The heartbeat that keeps the hub alive is Grupo Reposo Inc., a nonprofit organization that promotes the arts, design, and cuisine in Reposo.

The group, composed of 35 business establishments in the street, was organized by Eduardo and Dori Soler, Rose Marie Yenko and William Tan.

## Closed to traffic

To promote its vision for the area, Grupo Reposo will close the street from Kalayaan to Jupiter today until Sunday, for its first street festival called Tibok Sining sa Reposo.

"We hope the festival can attract local and foreign tourists and help promote Reposo as the center of arts, design, culture and cuisine in Makati," said Eduardo Soler, art gallery owner and one of Grupo Reposo's directors.

Eduardo said most of the establishments are bringing their wares out to tents and tables that will line Reposo for the arts and crafts bazaar.

Visitors, however, are still welcome inside the establishments for window shopping and in restaurants for a taste of gourmet meals.

## Mural

Artists will open the festival by painting a mural on the wall in front of St. Andrew's Church.

Among who have volunteered to work on the mural are Egai Fernandez, Allan and Ivi Cosio, Hermes Alegre, Nonoy Duran, Greg Bolanos, Popoy Cusi, Joey Ibay, Cobie Cruz, Crist Espiritu, Janet Balbarona, Demi Padua, Rico Lascano, Bobby Nuestro, Gerry Ingco, Edwin Wilwayco, Cid Reyes, Ian Quirante, Dionesio Gonzalez, Poch Naval and Jethro.

Another feature of the festival is the holding of an art sale and exhibit today.

The Blumentritt Group of Artists will conduct portrait sessions tomorrow.

In the afternoon, there will be street painting for the children of Bahay Maria Orphanage.

## Mime and films

Other activities include a lecture series on arts and culture, performance of mime artists, and the screening of award-winning French films at the Alliance Francaise de Manille.

The day will be capped by an open-air evening program with performances from the Company Dancers of Grupo Flamenco de Señor Gomez and the Company of Ateneo Dancers.

Grupo Reposo also invited the St. Scholastica's College Chamber of Music Quartet, Cookie Chua and Bayang Barrios to perform in the festival.

Street painting and portrait sessions, film showings, an auction of works by prominent artists, al fresco dining, and the arts, crafts and food fair will continue until Sunday.

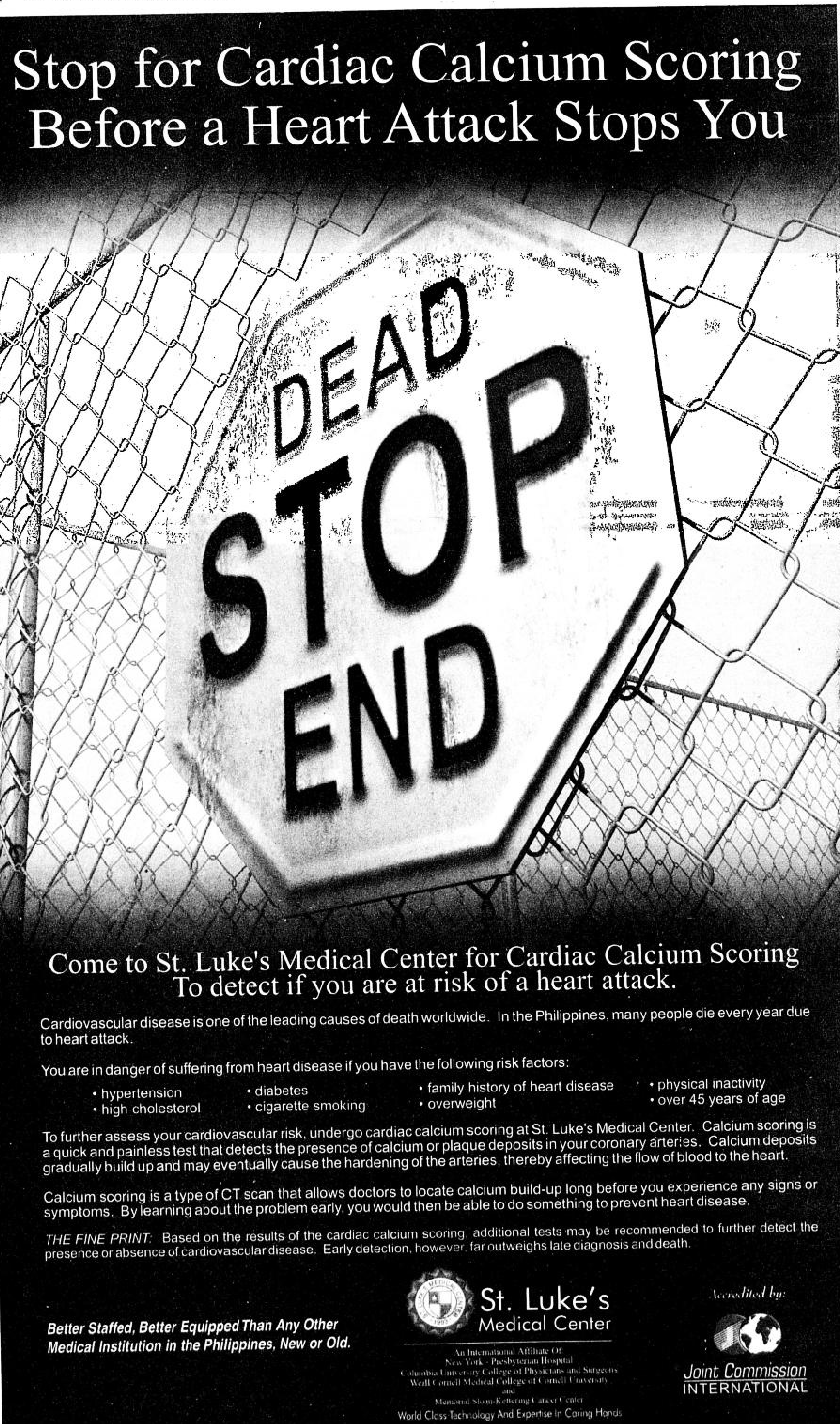
## Invitation

"We expect people from nearby villages like Bel-Air, Rockwell, Salcedo, San Lorenzo and Urdaneta to come," Soler told the INQUIRER.

With about 2,000 people expected at the festival each day, the city government would provide traffic enforcers and policemen to reroute traffic and secure the area.

Soler said the organizers have the necessary permits and have given advisories to officials and neighboring villages on the activities that would take place on Reposo.

Tibok Sining sa Reposo Makati is sponsored by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, the Makati City government, Irvine Coatings, LRI Business Plaza and LibertyStile. The festival is part of 335th anniversary celebration of Makati City.



Stop for Cardiac Calcium Scoring Before a Heart Attack Stops You

Come to St. Luke's Medical Center for Cardiac Calcium Scoring
To detect if you are at risk of a heart attack.

Cardiovascular disease is one of the leading causes of death worldwide. In the Philippines, many people die every year due to heart attack.

You are in danger of suffering from heart disease if you have the following risk factors:

- hypertension
- high cholesterol
- diabetes
- cigarette smoking
- family history of heart disease
- overweight
- physical inactivity
- over 45 years of age

To further assess your cardiovascular risk, undergo cardiac calcium scoring at St. Luke's Medical Center. Calcium scoring is a quick and painless test that detects the presence of calcium or plaque deposits in your coronary arteries. Calcium deposits gradually build up and may eventually cause the hardening of the arteries, thereby affecting the flow of blood to the heart.

Calcium scoring is a type of CT scan that allows doctors to locate calcium build-up long before you experience any signs or symptoms. By learning about the problem early, you would then be able to do something to prevent heart disease.

*THE FINE PRINT:* Based on the results of the cardiac calcium scoring, additional tests may be recommended to further detect the presence or absence of cardiovascular disease. Early detection, however, far outweighs late diagnosis and death.

***Better Staffed, Better Equipped Than Any Other Medical Institution in the Philippines, New or Old.***

St. Luke's
Medical Center

An International Affiliate Of
New York - Presbyterian Hospital
Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons
Weill Cornell Medical College of Cornell University
and
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
World Class Technology And Expertise In Caring Hands

Accredited by:
Joint Commission
INTERNATIONAL

279 E. Rodriguez Sr. Boulevard Quezon City 1102 Philippines
For more information, call your St. Luke's physician or St. Luke's Wellness Center at 723-1206 or 723-0101 local 5527

BATMAN BEGINS™
IN CINEMAS JUNE 15, 2005
www.batmanbeginsasia.com
WARNER BROS. PICTURES
MYGLOBE
exclusive
batsignbats
batsignblue
batsignalside
batsignsteel
batmobilescic
bbrachel
bbrasgoose
brucewayne
bbducardface
rachelnbruce
brucecloseup
bbrachelhappy
scarecrowfear
batmanbats
batmanface
batmanpipes
batmanfront
batmanred
batmanguard
batmanrescue
batmaneyes
batmanhero
batmanside
rachelsmile
batmancloseup
bbpic
batmanlogo
bbwing
Batman
bbname
batmanfly
batmansign
rachelside
bruceface
batmanwing
Batman
batmanface
Batman
batmanleft
batsignshimer
batfacereveal
batfullside
batmangadget
batmobilezoom

## The shadow of the bat is cast only in myGlobe.

**Text BATMAN to 2346 for weekly logos and the chance to win ₱100,000 this week!**

WALLPAPER

Text W <keyword> to 2346. Ex. W batmaneyes • ₱20/wallpaper

TEXT CARDS

Text TC <keyword> to 2346. Ex. TC batmanhero • ₱15/text card

ICONS

Text L <keyword> to 2346. Ex. L batmanlogo • ₱15/icon

ANIMATED WALLPAPER

Text MMS <keyword> to 2346. Ex. MMS batsignshimer • ₱20/animated MMS

For more exciting downloads, text BATMENU to 2346. P2.50/text

TRUE TONES AND SOUND CLIPS

| WAP LINK | CONTENT |
|---|---|
| Batman Surrender | Batman, put down your weapons and surrender. You're surrounded. |
| Batman Begin | If you make yourself more than just a man... if you devote yourself to an ideal... you become something else entirely. Are you ready to begin? |
| Batman Who I Am | It's not who I am underneath, but what I do that defines me. |
| Master Wayne | Master Wayne, it's been a long time. |
| Batman Fear | To conquer fear, you must become fear. A man fears most what they cannot see. |
| Batman Better Run | That's right—you better run. |
| Batman Who Knows | Who knows you're here? WHO KNOWS?! |
| Batman Poision | You've been poisoned. Stay Calm. |
| I'm Batman | I'm Batman. |
| Dress Like A Bat | Well, a guy who dresses up like a bat clearly has issues. |
| Batman Nuthouse | So when did the nut take over the nuthouse? |
| Batman Wrong Club | You have been hanging out in the wrong club, Mr Wayne. |

To download True Tones and Sound Clips, log on to the myGlobe WAP site. Under What's Hot, click on BATMAN BEGINS, and select the category of your choice.
True Tones ₱30, Sound Clips ₱25

**Activate MMS and GPRS on your phone now!**
1. For a list of compatible handsets, send NOKIA, ERICSSON or SAMSUNG (depending on your handset model) to 2365. Regular text messaging charges apply.
2. Text GO <handset model> to 2951 to get your phone's settings. Ex. GO N3650. For Nokia 6170, 6600, 6230, 6820, 7260, 7270 and 7610 text GO <handset model>,, 1234 to 2951. Ex. For Nokia 6600 text GO N6600,, 1234. Make sure that you type in the two commas before the1234 PIN.
3. Enter 1234 when asked for PIN to save the settings.
4. Send an MMS message for only ₱5.00 to activate the service.

making great things possible Globe HANDYPHONE

See flyers for details. Promo period is from May 9 to June 26, 2005. Per DTI-NCR No. 2483 Series of 2005

Too Much Falling Hair?
Stop women's hair loss.
Call Svenson at 892-HAIR (4247)

# POC door still open for BAP

**By Musong R. Castillo**

LIKE a true sportsman, Philippine Olympic Committee president Jose "Peping" Cojuangco is leaving the door open for the Basketball Association of the Philippines to rejoin the local Olympic body in the future.

COJUANGCO

Moments after gaining unanimous backing from the POC General Assembly in his decision to slap an unprecedented suspension on the cage body on Wednesday, Cojuangco made it clear that the BAP can be part of the POC family again by cleaning up its act.

"All they have to do is come up with a program that is not self-serving but will serve the country well," Cojuangco told the INQUIRER in an exclusive interview.

"Though I didn't expect the support (of the POC GA) to be unanimous, I don't want to ever do this (penalizing an NSA) again," he added. "This is not good for sports and I would like to take things on the positive side."

The next POC General Assembly is scheduled on July 25, and the BAP can appeal its suspension.

Only in the next GA can the indefinite suspension be lifted by at least two-thirds vote of the 39-member POC .

"I did this with much regret. But let me remind everyone that this is for the country. This is not a fight between the BAP and Peping Cojuangco," said the former president of the Republic of the Philippines Golf Association and the Philippine Bowling Congress.

The BAP was sacked for reneging on an

POC/A27

# Aces forge semis playoff

**GAMES TODAY (Araneta Coliseum)**
4:45 p.m.—San Miguel Beer vs FedEx
7:35 p.m.—Talk N Text vs Ginebra

**By June Navarro**

KEY Simpkins sizzled in the second half to power Alaska past Purefoods, 69-60, last night and secure for the Aces at least a playoff for an outright semifinal seat in the Gran Matador PBA Fiesta Conference.

Simpkins hit 20 of his game-high 30 points in the second half as the Aces wrapped up their classification round schedule with an 11-7 card.

Purefoods ended its schedule with its fourth straight loss for a 7-11 card.

"He (Simpkins) ran the floor very well tonight," said Alaska coach Tim Cone of his import, who also had 18 rebounds and four assists and only three turnovers.

"Aside from controlling (Lorenzo) Coleman at the low post, he was superb in offense."

The Aces can even go straight to the semis depending on the outcome of Talk 'N Text and San Miguel Beer's final assignments today.

"We have no control over what might happen tomorrow (today) so we just took care of business now," said Cone.

Should Talk 'N Text (11-6) win over Barangay Ginebra, the Phone Pals automatically advance as the top seed, leaving San Miguel (10-7) with the task of having to beat FedEx to forge a one-game playoff with Alaska for the second berth.

The Beermen's only chance of advancing outright is to win against the Express after a loss by the Phone Pals to the Gin Kings as San Miguel will have superior quotient in the event of a triple tie.

San Miguel, incidentally, will have a new import in Arizona State alum Tommy Smith against FedEx today.

A second-round draft choice of the Chicago Bulls in the 2003 NBA lottery, the 6-foot-10 Smith replaced Chris Burgess, who played 17 games.

Barangay Ginebra also sent Andrei Brown packing and signed up power-forward Hiram Fuller for today's game against Talk 'N Text.

"There was a lot of pressure in this game. We were forced to take more jumpshots because of Coleman," said Cone.

The 7-foot-1 Coleman paced the TJ Hotdogs with 20 points and 18 rebounds but was 9-of-19 from the field. He was also only 2-of-7 from the free throw line.

Coca-Cola nipped Shell, 82-81, in the nightcap to wind up 10th with a 6-12 record. Shell fell to 7-11 in a tie with Purefoods, which finished eighth due to a better quotient.

**The scores:**

**ALASKA 69**—Simpkins 30, Cariaso 21, Cortez 8, Wilson 4, Hugnatan 4, Allado 2, Thoss 0, Padilla 0, Tejada 0.

**PUREFOODS 60**—Coleman 20, Yap 11, Lauro 6, Artadi 4, Limpot 4, Evangelista 4, Yee 4, Castillo 4, Espinosa 3, Madrid 0.

**Quarters:** 14-8, 34-22, 50-43, 69-60

TINT ROOM
TRIED, TESTED & TRUE
" We do tints in airconditioned room to avoid dust and pollutants, bubbles, etc...
AT NO EXTRA CHARGE"
Guaranteed Workmanship!
Various Brands:
3M • V-Kool • Solar Gard • Sungard • Sunmask • Platinum
For inquiries, call tel. nos.:894-4419 or 817-8617
Cel. Nos.: 0916-5167085 • 0917-7446580
Or visit 7280 Malugay St., cor. Mayapis Y. Square Bldg., San Antonio Village, Makati City

BUY FACTORY PRICE!!!
MOST COMPLETE ACCESSORIES FOR 2005
INNOVA • EVEREST • REVO • ADVENTURE • CROSSWIND
HILUX • D-MAX • Jimny • SUV • VANS • PICK-UPS
NOW AVAILABLE
2005 INNOVA
ORIGINAL ACCESSORIES
FORD EVEREST 4X4 LOOK BODYKIT W/ BUMPER OVERIDER PLUS 2TON PAINT P25,000 ONLY
ISUZU CROSSWIND
X.U.V. Look BODYKIT
CONVERSION PACKAGE DEAL P40,000
TOYOTA REVO
VX 200 & SR
CONVERSION PACKAGE
DEAL P18,000.00
PACKAGE DEAL!!!
WRAP AROUND STAINLESS BULL BARS P18,000 only
(FRONT, SIDE, REAR)
WE ACCEPT MADE TO ORDER
CUSTOMIZE BULLBARS
BULLBAR REPAIR
TO SUIT YOUR STYLE
WE WILL BEAT Any Price in town
KILANG
7228085 • 413-8080/77
PASAR MOBIL ACCESSORIES
WE ACCEPT PROVINCIAL SERVICES & DELIVERIES

NEW!
PATENTED
RULE THE ROAD
SHARK
NUDGE GEAR
Customized for ADVENTURE.
Other SHARK Accessories:
SHARK CADDY MATE
-Puts an end to generic-looking bullbars!
-Reinforced with rigid steel frame
-No-holes bored installation
THE ONLY ONE WITH DOUBLE SIDED EXTRA THICK SECTION FOR A MORE DURABLE CONSTRUCTION
NUDGE GEAR I
NUDGE GEAR II
WITH BUILT-IN COURTESY LIGHTS
SHARK TITANIUM STEPBOARD
SHARK REAR STEPGEAR
SHARK STAINLESS STEPTUBE
by SURESTEP
1013A EDSA, VETERAN'S VILLAGE, PROJ. 7, QUEZON CITY TEL.: 410-3067 / 65 • 372-3640
We deliver to or install at your home or office.(Metro Manila Only)

Ford Everest 20-0-1 PLANS
Enjoy 20% Down-payment and
0% Interest on one year term plans!
DTI-NCR Permit No. 1372. Series of 2005.
DISCOVER THE HIGHS AND LOWS OF FAMILY LIFE.
Ford
No Boundaries

Take your family to the most exciting peaks and valleys. It's all possible with the Ford Everest's powerful 2.5L diesel engine coupled with a superior suspension system. All this makes the cabin so comfortable, even for a family of seven. So no matter how rough the roads, how steep the climb or how sharp the curves are, your family will feel high all the way.

FORD EVEREST
www.ford.com.ph

Price starts at ₱1.030M.
Available in 2.5L D 4X4 AT/MT and 4X2 AT/MT. Visit your nearest Ford Dealer today.

ERA 24-HOUR EMERGENCY ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE

• Ford Alabang, Trunk Lines: 842-3681 / 842-4628; Fax No: 807-4430 • Ford Balintawak, Trunk Line: 927-9648; Fax No.: 927-5981 • Ford Commonwealth, Tel. Nos.: 952-9118; 952-9441; 952-9446 Fax No.: 952-9440 • Ford EDSA, Tel. No.: 744-2222; Fax No.: 723-6311 • Ford EDSA Service Center Tel. No.: 723-7029 • Ford Libis, Trunk Line: 637-2044, Fax No.: 637-6008 • Ford Makati, Trunk Line: 818-5555, Fax No.: 815-0513 • Ford Manila, Tel. No.: 562-5555 Fax No.: 562-8985 • Ford Quezon Avenue, Tel. Nos.: 731-2617 / 742-3435 / 742-3436 Fax: 742-3451 • Ford Shaw Blvd., Trunk Line: 717-0888; Telefax: 717-1390 • Ford Pampanga, Trunk Line: (045) 961-2888; Fax Nos.: (045) 963-5205 / 961-2277 • Ford Cabanatuan, Tel. No.: (044) 464-0111, Fax No.: (044) 600-4200 • Ford Dagupan, Tel. No.: (075) 522-2222, Telefax: (075) 515-5520 • Ford San Pablo, Tel. No.: (049) 562-9186, Telefax: (049) 562-8324 • Ford Cavite, Tel. No.: (046) 472-2040; Fax: (046) 472-2048 • Ford Cebu, Trunk Line: (032) 231-9180, Fax No.: (032) 231-9023 • Ford Bacolod, Tel No.: (034) 432-2151, Telefax: (034) 434-2877 • Ford Iloilo, Tel No.: (033) 321-3352; Telefax No.: (033) 321-3351 • Ford Cagayan de Oro, Tel. Nos.: (088) 855-8811, Telefax: (088) 855-8877 • Ford Davao, Tel. No.: (082) 234-1111; Fax No.: (082) 234-2222

Join!
ARTPETRON
Fuel Creativity.
5th National Student Art Competition
Calling all talented student-artists! ArtPetron is here! This year's theme - Lumang Samahan, Bagong Kahulugan invites you to remember and revisit your most important relationships.
PETRON
Fuel Success
Entries must feature people involved in nurturing and meaningful relationships that portray friendship, trust, love, teamwork, mentoring and caring.
Download the application form now at www.artpetron.com or visit participating Petron Service Stations nationwide.

SANDY Barnachea of Touch Mobile crosses the finish line at the end of the first stage of the Golden Tour in Lucena.
BOY CABRIDO

# Barnachea captures Golden Tour opener

By Marc Anthony Reyes

LUCENA CITY—Santy Barnachea showed the way home for the 21-man lead pack to clinch his first ever stage triumph on the first day of the Golden Tour 50@05 which ended here yesterday.

Barnachea, the 29-year-old Tour of Calabarzon winner in 2002, patiently stayed with the main pack which remained intact after the two minor climbs in the hills of Laguna before breaking up when the cyclists tackled the "Little Baguio" zigzag of Lucban, Quezon.

Riding for Touch Mobile, Barnachea encountered opposition from Nelson Herrera of the Department of Tourism, who stayed up front with other lesser-known riders most of the way only to fade in the final five kilometers.

"They are all very fast and still strong, nobody wants to be left behind," said Barnachea, who finished ninth overall last year in the 18-leg Tour Pilipinas. "That's why when I saw Herrera losing ground (in the mad dash to the finish), I gave it my all."

He crossed the finish line a bike-length ahead of Go 21 skipper Baler Ravina with Benito Lopez Jr. of Metro Drug finishing third over Herrera.

Centennial Tour champ Warren Davadilla of Colt 45, who bucked cramps on his left leg, and Vat Riders captain Eusebio Quinones were the other rated riders in the first group.

Barnachea, a national team member who hails from Umingan, Pangasinan, said it's still a long way in the 10-stage meet and he's well aware of the threat from the rest of the big guns.

Barnachea covered the 125-km stage from Marikina City in three hours, 28 minutes and 28 seconds.

Past champions Arnel Quirimit (2003), Bernard Llentada (1991) and last year's Tour Pilipinas king Rhyan Tanguilig were in the second group that checked in one minute and 47 seconds behind.

Tanguilig, who almost didn't make the race because of problems with his Pagcor continental team, was bothered by a faulty sprocket which prevented him from changing gears. His bike was the same Vellum-framed racer that he used while campaigning for the Pagcor team which refused to be under the Tour organizers this year.

Five cyclists quit—Go 21 rookies Jonathan Paras and Milan Tugahan, Tourism's Alfredo Asuncion and Edwin Paragoso and PLDT's Rene Villaber.

## Guerrero braces for tough stage

LUCENA—Guerrero Brandy's Road Warriors placed a modest sixth after the first stage of the Tanduay presents... Golden Tour 50@'05, but coach Renato Dolosa feels that the race truly starts today.

With the team behind by three-minutes and 34 seconds, the 1995 champion can still afford his usual smile, confident that the team standings will be shaken up after the second round to Tagaytay from here.

"It's nothing. Five minutes is easy to erase," Dolosa said in Filipino. "After this lap, we'll know the strong teams."

The second lap will cover only 91.9 km, but the trek to Tagaytay via Talisay will be a punishing 15-18 km stretch which Dolosa said could be "very critical" in the overall results.

Dolosa wants his sprinters to go for a breakaway early so that when the ascent in Talisay comes, his climbers will be able to tow the team to the finish.

Guerrero put two riders in the first wave with identical times in Dante Cagas and Wilfredo Calosa.

# Japan spikers thwart Taiwanese

**GAMES TODAY**
1 p.m.—India vs Thailand
3 p.m.—China vs Korea
5 p.m.—RP vs Japan

JAPAN repulsed a tough Chinese-Taipei side in a thrilling five-setter, 19-25, 25-15, 23-25, 25-20, 15-12, in the fifth Asian Youth Girls Volleyball Championships at the Mandaue Sports and Cultural Complex in Mandaue City late Wednesday.

Vietnam, on the other hand, bounced back from a loss to India as it swept Thailand, 25-20, 25-22, 25-18, while South Korea, behind the power-hitting Mook-Hwa Baek, routed India, 25-13, 25-14, 25-18.

Japan started out fine but had its momentum scuttled as Yi Ping Lee and Hui Chen Chen took charge for Chinese-Taipei, which fought back to grab a 13-7 lead and win the first set.

The Japanese took the next frame behind Saki Minemura, whose thunderous spikes proved too powerful for the Taiwanese to return.

The third set saw six deadlocks, the last at 19-19, before the Taiwanese prevailed to go 2-1 up.

But the Japanese stung the Taiwanese with an aggressive game to force the decider.

Meanwhile, the Philippines tries to stay in the hunt for a quarterfinals berth as it plays Japan in the mainer of a triple bill today.

The Filipinos bowed to the Aussies in Tuesday's opener of the Under-18 meet sanctioned by the Asian Volleyball Federation and organized by the Philippine Volleyball Federation.

# Bata trounces foe as Amang tumbles

EFREN "Bata" Reyes is in, Jose "Amang" Parica is out.

Reyes wove his old magic to eliminate unpredictable Jerome Pena, 9-1, while Parica fell in ambush, 8-9, at the hands of little-known Richard Aguilar at the start of the Hope P1-M All Filipino Open Billiards Challenge at the AMF-Puyat Billiards Hall in Ever Gotesco Mall Commonwealth.

Nicknamed the "Magician," Reyes had an easier time against Pena as he raced to an early 7-0 lead in the alternate break affair.

Aquilar, one of the surprise qualifiers in this prestigious event which offers P500,000 to the grand champion and P200,000 to the runner-up, proved too hot to handle even for Parica, who was looking forward to renewing an old rivalry with Reyes.

Next in line for Reyes is Warren Kiamco, 9-4 winner over Antonio Gabica in one of the day's most thrilling encounters.

Sharing the limelight were defending champion Francisco "Django" Bustamante, who demolished Antonio "Nickoy" Lining, 9-1; reigning world pool champion Alex Pagulayan, who outclassed Lee Van Corteza, 9-2; upset-conscious Jeffrey de Luna, who shocked Rodolfo Luat, 9-4; and Carlo Biado, who toppled Asian Tour Mainstay Gandy Valle, 9-1.

The event is sanctioned by the Billiards and Snooker Congress of the Philippines (BSCP), headed by Ernesto Fajardo, and supported by Hope.

The matches will be aired on IBC 13 from 8:30 to 11 p.m. by Jemah Television in cooperation with Puyat Sports.

**YOUNG JINS:** Children participants do taekwondo exercises taught by professional instructors in an ongoing Milo activity. Venues are Central Gym (Vito Cruz), Infinity Gym (Taft), Muscle and Motion Gym (Sta. Ana,), Pateros Taekwondo, Philippine Columbian, Fort Bonifacio (Taguig), JKM Taekwondo Training Center, Flexorobics Fitness, Futness Aliance and Toyota Motor Phils. For details, call 522-0519 or 524-0457, look for Elmer Pato or Linda Denna.

# Top jr netters clash in semis

THE FUTURE stars of local badminton strut their wares today as the semifinal round of the JVC Badminton Open Juniors Championships fires off with Peter Magnaye and Randolph Balatbat going flat out to arrange a showdown for the boys' singles crown at SM Megamall.

Magnaye, the defending champion from PNP, faces JP Babad of Battledore while Balatbat, playing out of Bulacan/Team Valencia, takes on teammate Paul Vivas in the other semis encounter of this event sponsored by JVC and SM Supermalls.

Focus will also be on the girls' side with Bianca Legaspi all primed up for her match against Gelita Castillo. ABC's Legaspi thumped Jessalam Sampuma, 11-1, 11-0, to set up a clash with Castillo, a Centro Athletico stalwart who demolished Kiara Castelo, 11-1, 11-3, in the quarters recently.

The other semifinal pits Abigael Marie Garcia of La Salle against Danica Bolos of Santiago City.

# Cojuangco caretakers have bigger task

**BARE EYE**

*Recah Trinidad*

THERE'S actually a bigger point scored by the POC with the indefinite suspension it has meted out on the Basketball Association of the Philippines.

The Philippine Olympic Committee has promptly clipped the vast powers of Graham Lim, the controversial BAP secgen whose selfish style of management has gravely beset basketball development in the country.

Lim, who used to brag about strong connections in the Fiba, the international body for amateur basketball, ran the BAP like his private kitchen.

It was a dirty, stinking kitchen, but Lim cooked everything to satisfy his whims.

Among Lim's biggest sins was his fielding of garbage squads identified as the RP national team in international tournaments.

This malpractice has repeatedly caused the Philippines, with its rich basketball legacy, to be a laughing stock, thereby also resulting into shame and heartbreak for countless Pinoy overseas workers.

***

Looking at the indefinite suspension slapped on the BAP, it should be celebrated as a big winning point, a triple if you please.

Immigration Commissioner Al Fernandez, who cast the vote for athletics, said he doubts if the BAP would be able to regain its old clout.

The suspension, with its nature, could be lasting.

As stipulated in the resolution, the BAP cannot function as a regular POC member.

The BAP will no longer be in charge of the formation of the RP national team participating in international competitions.

With the punishment, the BAP will also no longer be entitled to financial support from both the Philippine Sports Commission and the POC.

And, as one critic noted, Graham Lim's caroling days are over as he could no longer profit by cornering sponsors, like the generous Lhuillier family, who ended up being taken for a ride.

***

A caretaker group to function as the national amateur basketball body will meet today.

Cojuangco said the caretaker group would only handle the training, coaching and the selection of national team members to be coached by Chot Reyes.

That's both sound and nice. However, there are other more relevant matters that should be straightened out on the national hardcourt.

It's no secret how the wild, selfish BAP leadership has laid the national basketball program to waste.

Other than clear the garbage, the caretaker body should go out of its way to put RP basketball back on its feet.

***

For one, there's no denying how the RP development program, despite the vast popularity of basketball here, has remained awfully behind our Asian neighbors, notably China and Korea.

The Philippines, with basketball remaining a national craze, indeed has the biggest per-square-meter population of cagers this part of the globe.

But as things stand, Pinoy basketball, at its best, is generally very individualistic and often good only for entertainment.

The caretaker body could find full relevance by working on a national program that will upgrade basketball standards here.

Basketball reforms must start from the sandlots where aspirants, relying blindly on shallow basics, run and shoot seven days a week.

***

Well, the mess caused by Lim in running the BAP is definitely widespread.

Take the case of the big bunch of referees inexplicably grounded by Lim.

Listen to Levi Valenzuela, who has been fighting for the rights of his fellow officials: "Mr. Lim has caused the loss of income for some seven Filipino international referees of basketball recognized by no less than the Fiba, as well as some 20 Filipino national referees, all of whom he purged from the Basketball Referees Commission which is affiliated with the BAP."

The complainants have accused Lim of human rights violation.

They had also branded Lim a fake Filipino, adding that the BAP was constantly in a mess because "it didn't know its own citizenship."

Maybe the Cojuangco caretakers, very Filipino, could do something to help?

InqBox
Question of the Week
Schools will open in two weeks, what are your concerns for your kids?
Win this *Inquirer mug
Senders of d best 20 texts as publishd in Tuesday's InqBox wiL each receiv an *Inquirer Mug! Ü
Key in: inquirer news name/age/city/message.
Text your answers to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart).
(Maximum of 160 characters)
*Metro Manila winners can call Jane at 8978808.
Provincial winners can text:
inquirer ad name/age/city/mailing address
to 2207 or 283 as their prizes will be mailed to them

# Torre, RP chessers shine in Thailand

**FILIPINO Grandmaster Eugene Torre finished undefeated with six wins and three draws to emerge tied for first with Australian GM Ian Rogers in the recent 5th Bangkok Chess Club Open at the Regent Cha-Am Beach Resort in Petchburi, Thailand.**

TORRE: Still in top form

The 54-year-old Torre and eventual winner Ian Rogers wound up with 7.5 points apiece, but the top seeded Aussie took the crown with a Bucholz tie break of 40.5, better than GM Torre's 38.5.

Torre, Asia's first GM and ruler of the 1st Tanauan Open this year, drew Singaporean GM Wu Shao Bin in the ninth and final round, while GM Rogers halved the point with Indian IM Rahul Shetty.

The top finishers were GM Shaobin (7.0), IM Shetty (6.5) and Filipinos IM Barlo Nadera (6.5) and NM Oliver Barbosa (6.5). Trailing them were GM Tejas Bakre of India (6.5) and Arnold Essing of New Zealand (6.5). Best Thai was K. Wisuvat with 6.0 points.

Torre thanked First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo and National Chess Federation of the Philippines president Go Teng Kok for their support.

The 53-year-old Torre's other draws were against Barbosa in the 3rd round and Rogers in the 5th round.

Other final matches saw Nadera trounce Hong Kong's 14-year-old Woman GM Anya Korke and Barbosa beat Solid Stein of Ireland. *Marlon Bernardino, Contributor*

## RACING TIPS

AT SLLP BY MR. 999

Race 1—1. Sea King 2. Casanova 3. Ilang Ilang Queen/Inner Wheeler 4. Silver Cho Cho
Race 2—1. Gemstone 2. Cryptorose 3. Coromell 4. Successful Dream
Race 3—1. Yao Man 2. D Venetian/Miss Mirage 3. Kambro 4. Make A Wish 5. Unshakeable
Race 4—1. Adam's Call/Hellfire 2. Suonos 3. Sacred Hall 4. Speed Machine
Race 5—1. War Alert 2. Angie Gray/Run Like D Wind 3. Ahoy My Boy 4. Western Legend 5. Speed Admiral
Race 6—1. My Sheikh 2. Valiente 3. Long Hitter 4. Silent Operator/En Carta 5. Western Dancer
Race 7—1. Reigns Supreme 2. D As In Dixie 3. Overture 4. Fear Factor 5. Perfect Harry
Race 8—1. Coolmore 2. I Miss You 3. War General 4. Express Strike
Race 9—1. American Music 2. Hakuna Matata 3. Sutter's Wealth 4. Hello Happy 5. Super Dave 6. Time Deposit

Romance in a cup of tea

A sexual act is an excellent form of exercise. Using almost all of your muscles, it burns up to 300 calories an hour which is almost equivalent to 15 minutes of walking in the treadmill. Studies also show that engaging in a loving, intimate relationship through rewarding and regular intercourse improves the well-being of a person. It makes one feel younger, less irritable and happy because of the endorphins and oxytocin released during the blissful activity of making love. These naturally occurring chemicals serve as natural opiates that act as pain and anxiety killers.

But as men age, their sexual capacity is lessened. Add to that the stress they get from their surroundings and their relationships will be doomed. They will often feel tired. Ergo, they will have less urge to engage in intimate moments with their partners. But then again, science understands the needs of men. From the makers of the well-established slimming tea for women Kankunis comes yet another breakthrough product. **Honey Moon Tea, Love Potion for Men** is the answer to men's sexual drive problems. Made from natural ingredients carefully researched to solve erectile dysfunctions, increase sexual desire and prolong orgasms-this tea does not need any prescription at all.

**Honey Moon Tea** is a concoction of traditional Chinese herbs *Herba Epimedu, Herba Cynomoru, Woodwardia Japonica, Fructus Polygalea, Yang Gong Cao, Radix Polygalea, Semen Astragali Complanati, Radix Ginseng and Pilose Antler.* The potion promotes endocrine regulation to help lengthen sexual climax by empowering the body's metabolism during intercourse.

Mixed in the right proportion, the herbs are also known to help improve the immune system of the body and reinforce the functions of the liver and the kidney. The herbs also have curative benefits and help rid off free-radicals in the body. *Herba Epimedu, Herba Cynomoru* and *Woodwardia Japonica* also contain saponins and glycosides which are known as body-building agents that strengthen the bones and the muscles. *Radix Polygalea* invigorates the kidney and the spleen. *Semen Astragali Complanali* improves the eyesight. *Fructus Polygalea* and *Yang Gong Cao* are known as anti-inflammatory agents for pharyngitis. These are also used traditionally as sedative, expectorant, and resuscitating agent. The famous *Radix Ginseng* which is considered a male aphrodisiac is a tonic herb that athletes use to combat stress. The *Pilose Antler* contains sex hormones, estrone and estranediol which helps the sexual glands to secrete more for longer erection of the male genitalia.

Advisable for men from their 30s and up, **Honey Moon Tea** is also for dynamic men who want to intensify their sexual activities through improved sexual drive and for men who need extra stamina for prolonged physical activities like sports. It is to be consumed at least 10-15 minutes before the sexual activity. It is available in tin boxes with 30 sachets each. Modestly priced at ₱2,100 per box, it is a better alternative than resorting to costly chemically-produced medicines which have harmful side effects for the body.

**Honey Moon Tea, Love Potion for Men** is exclusively distributed by **REJ Diamond Pharmaceuticals, Inc.** and is now available in all leading drugstores and supermarkets

LADY BOOTERS: RP women's team candidates to the SEA Games with PFF president Johnny Romualdez (2nd from right) and team manager Ernie Nierras.

# POC door . . .

From page A25

earlier commitment to an agreement forged among all the major basketball stakeholders regarding the formation of the strongest possible national team to two regional competitions.

Cojuangco said he wants all basketball bodies, the professional leagues in particular, to be involved in the formation of teams to all tournaments that the Philippines will play in.

"The BAP, being amateur in nature, has not given the professional leagues that much say (in the formation of the national teams)," Cojuangco said. "I don't think that should be the case."

# Nava paces nat'l juniors

NATIONAL Master Roderick Nava downed RJ Magallanes in the fifth round Wednesday to seize solo leadership in the boys' division of the 2005 National Juniors Championship at the Activity Center of SM City Manila.

The third-seeded Nava was lone player with a perfect score after five games in the 115-man field.

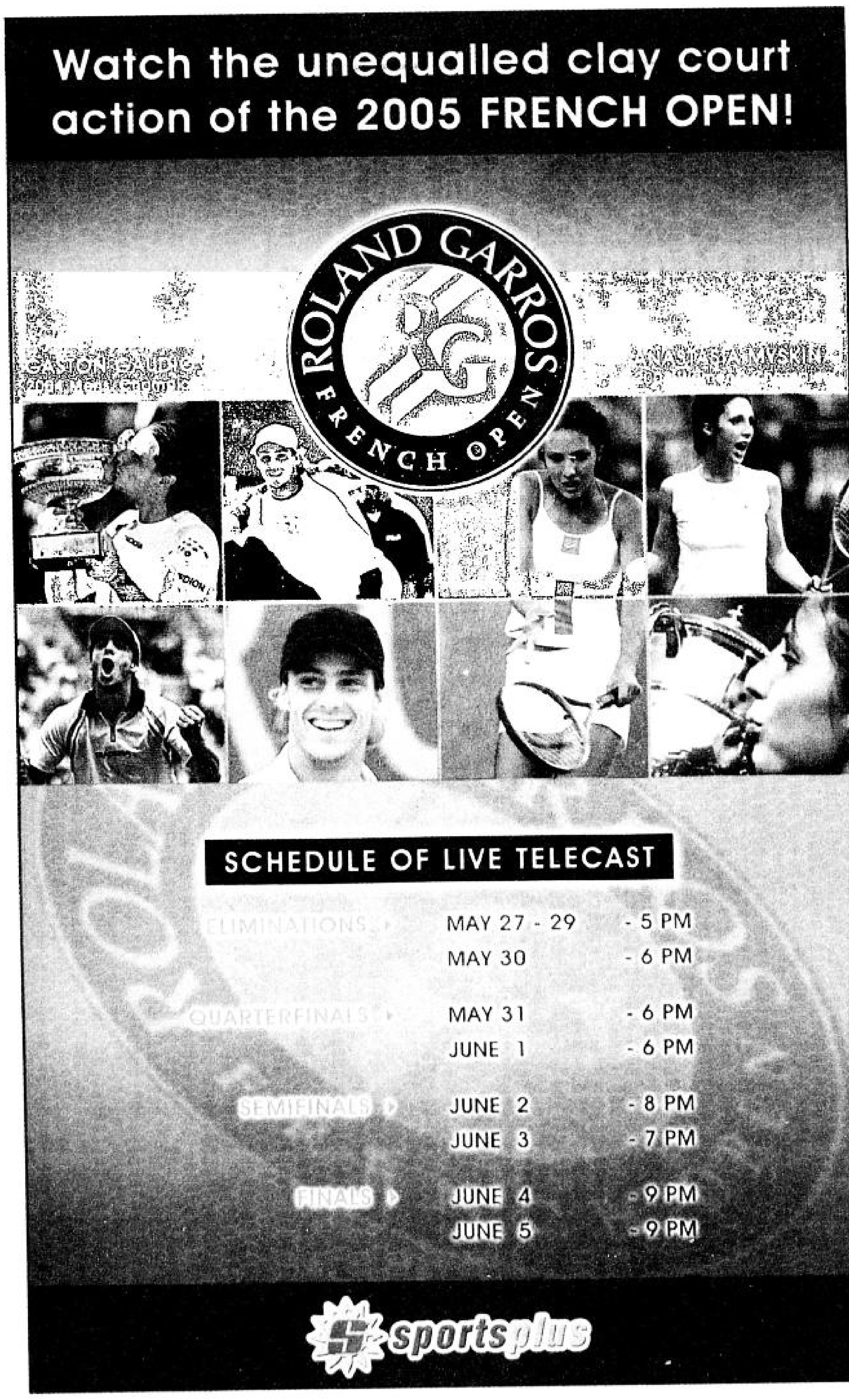
Breathing down his neck was top seed Fide Master Wesley So. The 11-year-old scalped Vic Neil Villanueva to push his total to 4.5 points, the same output of Von Arbie Barbosa, winner over Ramon Manon-og in the fifth.

Another half-point behind was second seed NM Julius Joseph De Ramos, who rolled to his third straight win and fourth overall by trouncing Noli Delloro.

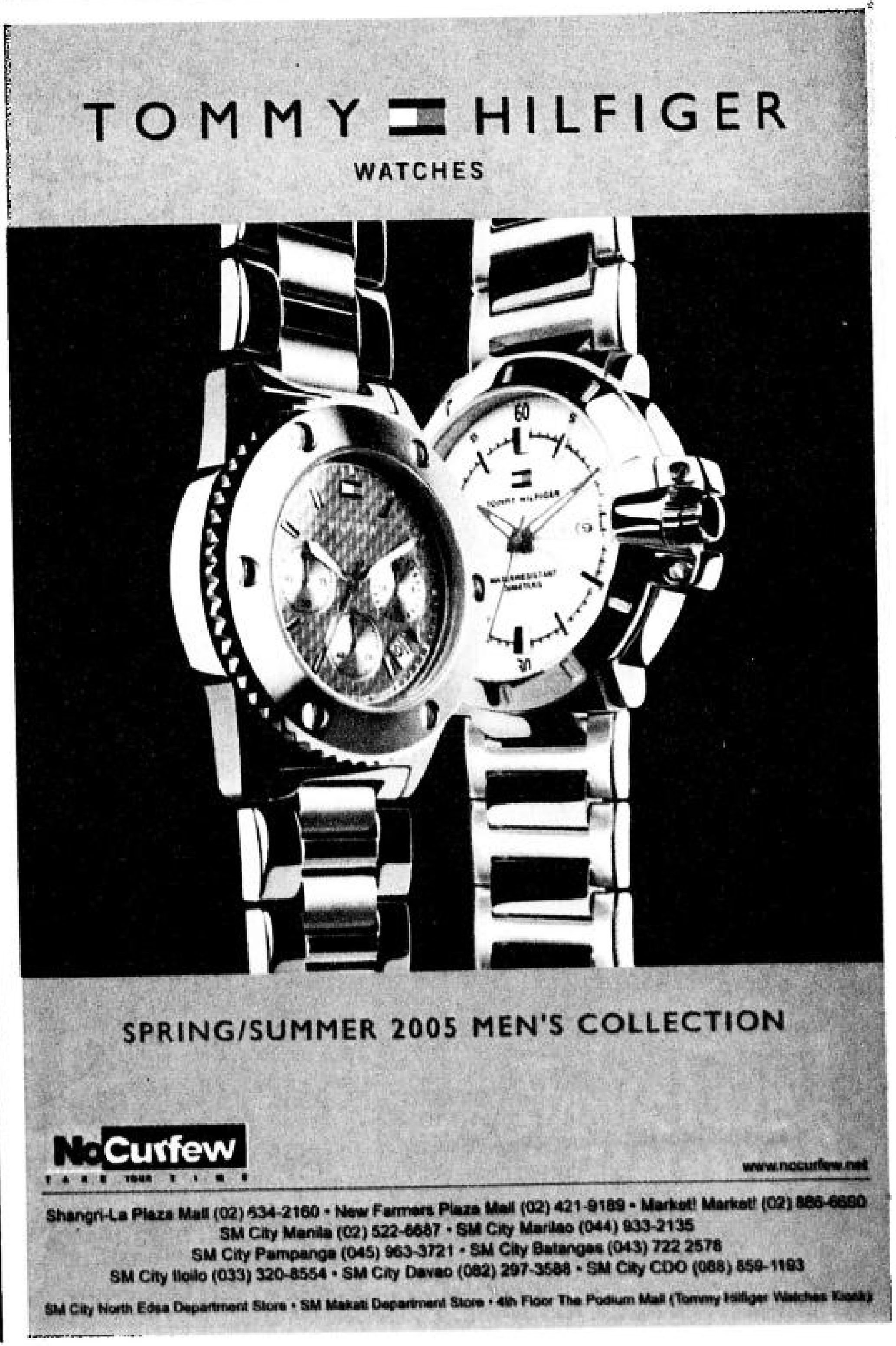
Sherily Cua downed top seed Woman National Master Aices Salvador in the fourth and drew with WNM Loreshyl Cuizon in the fifth to grab the lead in the girls' side with 4.5 points.

Half-point behind her were Cuizon, Salvador, Joyce Marie Mariano and Jedara Docena.

HONEY MOON
LOVE POTION FOR MEN
HONEY MOON TEA (instant tea) is a natural love potion formulated exclusively for men which helps ignite sensuality making every intimate moment feel like a Honeymoon. Its well-blended Chinese herbs are also known to fight fatigue and bring back energy to help release tightness and stress.
AVOID EMBARRASSMENT & FRUSTRATION
防止尷尬和失意
LAGING HANDA
(HINDI KA MAPAPAHIYA)
Approved by Bureau of Food and Drugs
Available at mercury drug and other supermarkets and drugstores


Watch the unequalled clay court action of the 2005 FRENCH OPEN!

SCHEDULE OF LIVE TELECAST
ELIMINATIONS MAY 27 - 29 - 5 PM
MAY 30 - 6 PM
QUARTERFINALS MAY 31 - 6 PM
JUNE 1 - 6 PM
SEMIFINALS JUNE 2 - 8 PM
JUNE 3 - 7 PM
FINALS JUNE 4 - 9 PM
JUNE 5 - 9 PM
sportsplus


TOMMY HILFIGER
WATCHES
SPRING/SUMMER 2005 MEN'S COLLECTION
NoCurfew
TAKE YOUR TIME
www.nocurfew.net
Shangri-La Plaza Mall (02) 634-2160 • New Farmers Plaza Mall (02) 421-9189 • Market! Market! (02) 886-6880
SM City Manila (02) 522-6687 • SM City Marilao (044) 933-2135
SM City Pampanga (045) 963-3721 • SM City Batangas (043) 722 2576
SM City Iloilo (033) 320-8554 • SM City Davao (082) 297-3588 • SM City CDO (088) 859-1193
SM City North Edsa Department Store • SM Makati Department Store • 4th Floor The Podium Mall (Tommy Hilfiger Watches Kiosk)

## EUROPEAN CHAMPION

# Liverpool rallies to beat AC Milan for title

ISTANBUL—Throngs of Liverpool fans poured into central Istanbul to sing and drink in bars after their side beat AC Milan, 3-2, on penalties in a dramatic final on Wednesday to become European champions for the first time in 21 years.

Dressed in red T-shirts and carrying red-and-white flags, supporters starting filling up bars in Beyoglu, Istanbul's nightlife district, clapping, singing and chanting terrace songs.

"I feel wonderful. What a night," said Steven Fiddes from Liverpool, as he kissed his ticket for the game at the Ataturk stadium.

Many had praise for the Liverpool squad for their miracle comeback against the Italian side.

"Our players played beyond our expectation. We are feeling elated. We are more than overjoyed," said Simon Podmore.

The game saw Liverpool rise from 3-O down in the first half to erase Milan's superiority in a six-minute spell and go on to defeat them on penalties.

"I nearly had a heart attack when we were 3-0 down, but what a comeback! We were not expecting it," Fiddes said.

The pleasure of the unbelievable comeback was visible on the faces of all fans.

"We were 3-O down and than we whopped their asses," shouted George Gick, punching the air in victory.

Others were more graphic while describing their feelings. "It was like an orgasm," said one visibly intoxicated fan.

While 20,000 Liverpool fans were lucky to get tickets for the game, many others watched the match on television in bars or on a giant screen set up in the nearby Taksim square.

"It is the best feeling in the world," said one young Liverpool fan who rushed to the square minutes after the game was over. "No one can take it away from you, not even a woman." City authorities have allocated Taksim square as the main venue for street celebrations, but hours after the whistle was blown the square remained deserted except for street peddlers trying to sell T-shirts, hats or cans of beer.

Fans, with their tops off and flares in their hands, shouted and clapped as they walked through the square on their way to nearby bars.

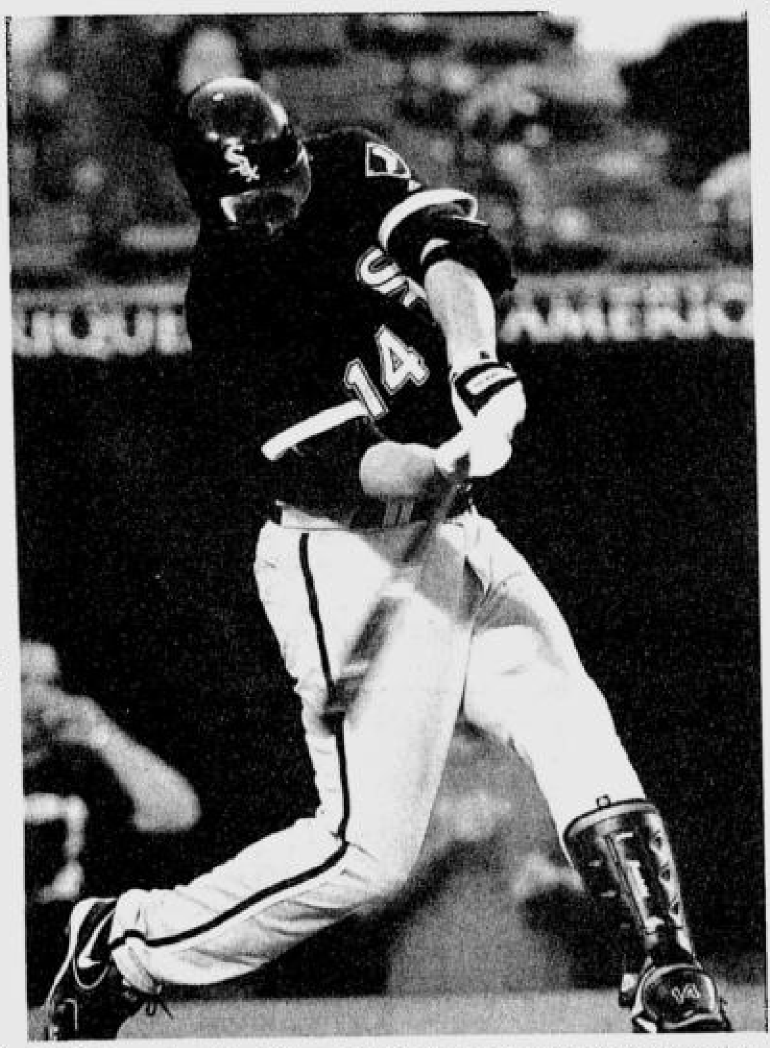
A large police presence was on duty in the square where five years ago two Leeds supporters were stabbed to death in a street brawl ahead of a UEFA Cup game with Istanbul club Galatasaray.

Since then, both Turkish and British officials have been on alert for possible football-related violance between supporters.

But Liverpool fans said they came out to Istanbul without any concerns for their security and expressed gratitude to their Turkish hosts.

"Istanbul was a congenial host, welcoming beyond the call of duty," Podmore said.

*AFP*



**PAUL** Konerko of the Chicago White Sox connects for a single in the third inning against the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim at Angel Stadium in Anaheim, California. AP

# Yankees dump Tigers

TORONTO—Chien-Ming Wang provided 6 1/3 strong innings and Alex Rodriguez belted a go-ahead RBI double as the New York Yankees won for the 14th time in 16 games, dumping the Detroit Tigers, 4-2, at Yankee Stadium on Wednesday.

Wang (3-1) allowed two runs on five hits and struck out two to collect his third straight win.

Mariano Rivera came on to get the final three outs to nail down his 10 save.

"He (Wang) was great," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

"He knows what he is doing out there, when the game started he pitched well." With the game tied at 1-1, the Yankees took control with three runs in the sixth.

Rodriguez opened the scoring with a double to deep left, bringing across Gary Sheffield.

Jorge Posada then followed up with a two-run single putting New York in front, 4-1.

Detroit starter Mike Maroth (4-4) was tagged with the loss giving up four runs on eight hits in five innings of work.

In Toronto, Ted Lilly delivered 6 2/3 effective innings and Reed Johnson had two hits, two runs and an RBI in guiding the Blue Jays to a 6-1 win over the Boston Red Sox.

Lilly (3-4) allowed one run on four hits then turned the game over to Vinnie Chulk and Justin Speier who came on to provide scoreless relief.

*Reuters*

# Petron taekwondo slated

TAEKWONDO goes big time in the south with the staging of the Petron 7th Visayas championships on May 29 at the West Negros College gym in Balocod City.

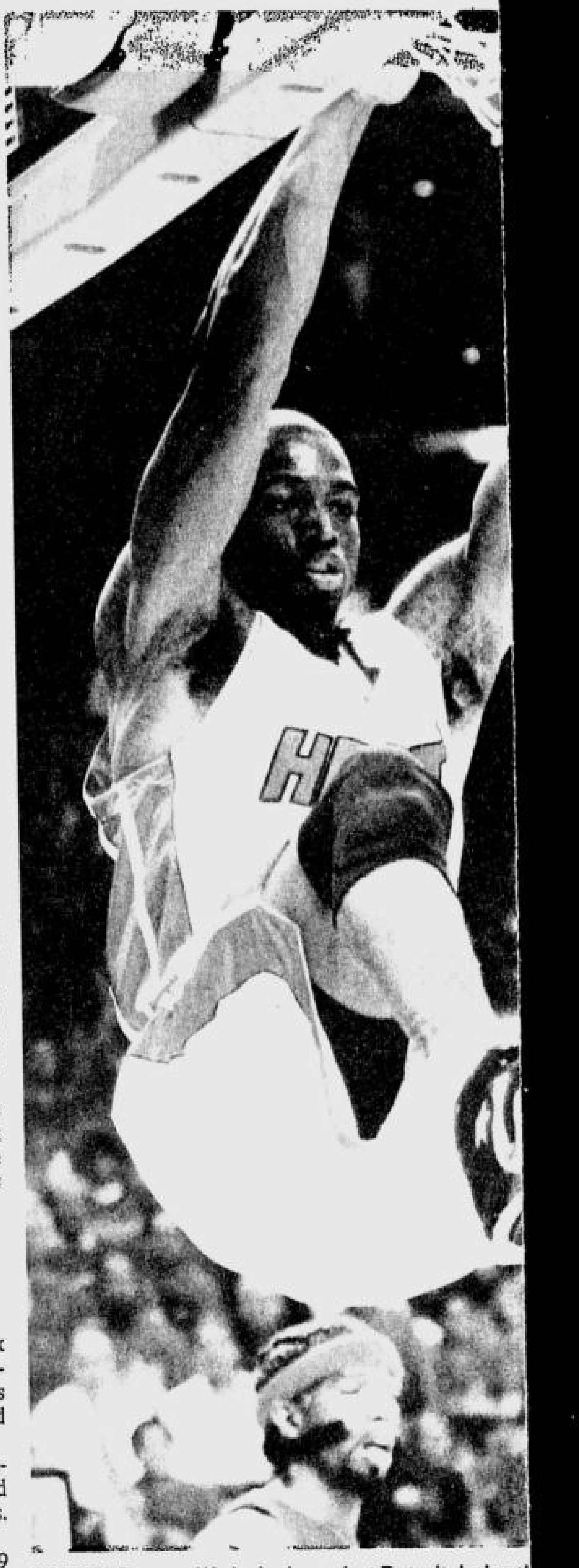
Antonio Lacson, regional director for Region VI, is overall chair of the event supported by Petron, Accel and the Philippine Sports Commission.

Chapters and branches in the Visayas of the Philippine Taekwondo Association headed by president Robert N. Aventajado will see action in the regional tournament.

Competition will be conducted in six events, namely, senior men and women, junior men and women and grade school boys and girls. No less than 500 gins are expected to vie for honors.

The tourney gives Visayas taekwondo hopefuls the chance to demonstrate the style and techniques they have learned through the years. It is also part of the PTA's grassroots program.

The opening ceremony will be held at 9 a.m. on Sunday, May 29. Martial arts enthusiasts are invited to watch.

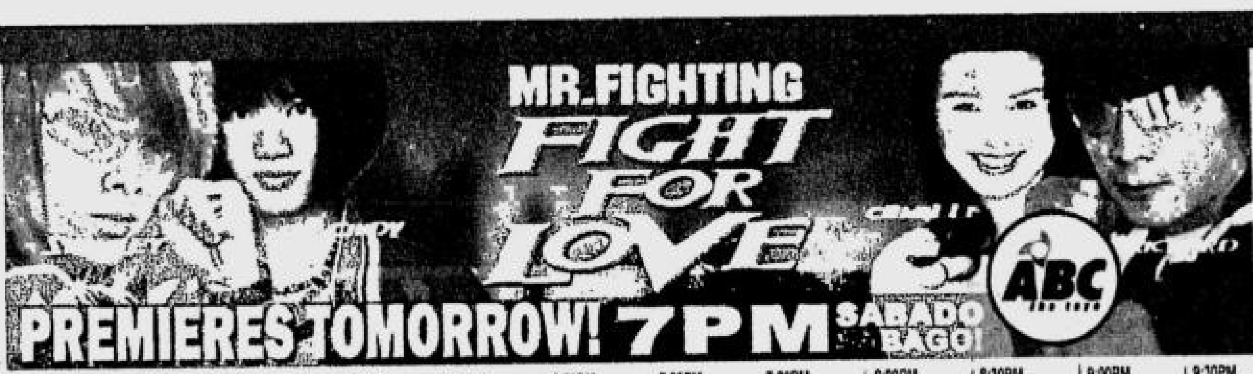


MIAMI'S Dwayne Wade dunks against Detroit during t won, 92-86, to level the series at 1-1 as Wade scored 40

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

TV GUIDE

Friday, May 27, 2005



MR. FIGHTING FIGHT FOR LOVE

PREMIERES TOMORROW! 7PM SABADO BAGO!

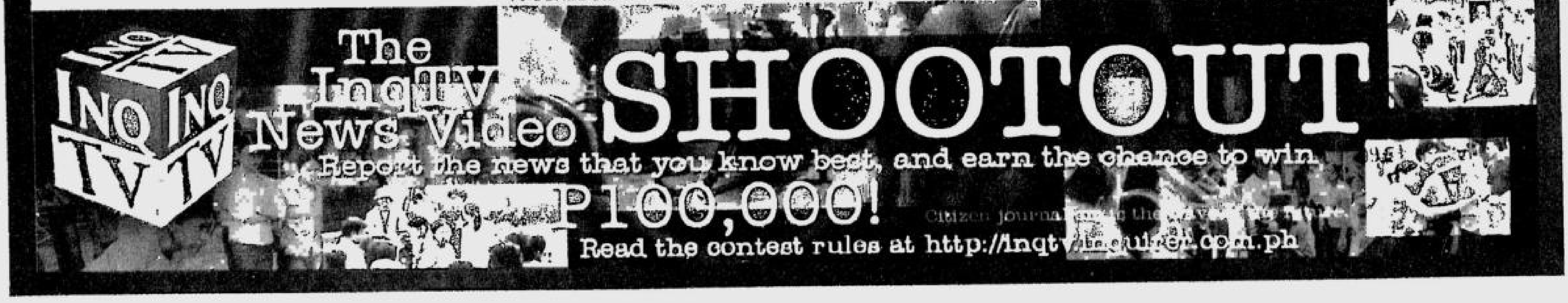
ABC

ClickTheCity.com

[illegible] clickthecity.com Key in CTC TV and send to 2333 for Globe and to 225 for Smart. [illegible]

| Channel | 2:30PM | 3:00PM | 3:30PM | 4:00PM | 4:30PM | 5:00PM | 5:30PM | 6:00PM | 6:30PM | 7:00PM | 7:30PM | 8:00PM | 8:30PM | 9:00PM | 9:30PM | 10:00PM | 10:30PM | 11:00PM | 11:30PM |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ABS-CBN 2 | Kapamilya Cinema | | | | Showbiz No. 1 (4:25PM) | Yu-Gi-Oh! (5:10PM) | Meteor Garden Full Edition | | TV Patrol World | | Mga Anghel Na Walang Langit | Hiram | Ikaw Ang Lahat Sa Akin | Memories Of Bali | Stained Glass | Kamao | | | Insider |
| ABC 5 | | | Problema Nyo, Sagot Ko | EZ Shop | FBA | | | | Sentro | PBA | | | | | Big News | TNA Impact | | Billboard On-Air | |
| GMA 7 | Sang Sulok Ng Langit | Now and Forever | Glass Shoes | One Piece | Flame Of Recca | Full House | | 24 Oras | | Darna | | Encantadia | All About Eve | Extra Challenge | | Bubble Gang | | | Saksi |
| RPN 9 | | Metro TV Shopping | Defenders Of The Earth | Hey Arnold! | As Told By Ginger | Wild Thornberries | Sponge Bob | The Insider | Tough Enough | 7 Days | | Temptation Island 3 | | The OC | | Newswatch Now | TV Greats On Friday | | |
| IBC 13 | | Lifestyle | | EZ Shop | | Home Shopping Network | IBC Express Balita | Lifestyle | | Shakey's V-League | | Asian X-Tour | | | TM-9 Ball | | IBC News Tonite | Pulis Na Palaban | GMA The Working Pres |
| JackTV | The Sib Show | Samurai Jack | The Batman | WWE Smackdown | | | | Sweat | Just For Laughs | Mad TV | | Joe Schmo Show | | Jack In The Box | | | | Worst Case Scenario | |
| Nickelodeon | Blues Clues | Rugrats | The Fairly Odd Parents | SpongeBob SquarePants | All That | Are You Afraid of the Dark? | 100 Deeds of Eddie McDowd | The Amanda Show | The Adventures Jimmy Neutron | Fairly Odd Parents | SpongeBob SquarePants | As Told By Ginger | Yakkity Yak | Chalkzone | Rocket Power | Hey Arnold! | The Wild Thornberrys | The Angry Beavers | Rugrats |
| MYX | | Urban MYX | | Pop MYX | OPM MYX | Take 5 | My MYX | MYX Daily Top Ten | | Mellow MYX | Rock MYX | Pop MYX | Urban MYX | Star MYX | Club MYX | My MYX | MYX Backtrax | OPM MYX | Mellow MYX |
| ETC | | Simple Life | Knock First | Blind Date | Fifth Wheel | Elimidate | Change of Heart | Seinfeld | Ambush Makeover | Arrested Development | Significant Others | Joan Of Arcadia | | Average Joe | | Entertainment Tonight | The Insider | The Tonight Show With Jay Leno | |
| Cinema One | | Bayarang Puso | | | | The Flor Contemplacion Story | | | | Magkapalad | | | | Magnong Rehas | | Boy Chico, Hulihin Ban Tumbing | | | |
| Studio 23 | | Urban MYX | Rock MYX | Pop MYX | OPM MYX | Jimmy Neutron, Boy Genius | Xiaolin Showdown | Teen Titans | Justice League | Wazzup Wazzup | | Barkada Nights | | Playing It Straight | | News Central | Oprah | | Yes Dear |
| AXN | | The Contender | | David Blaine Frozen In Time | | Gensomaden Saiyuki | Gensomaden Saiyuki | Pensacola (Season III) | | Boomtown | | Hollywood's Greatest Stunts | E Buzz | Andromeda (Season IV) | | | | | |
| Star World | | The Bold & The Beautiful | | Hollywood Squares | Home Improvement | Buffy The Vampire Slayer | | The Simpsons | The Drew Carey Show | Star News Asia | Friends | TNA Wrestling | | Totally Outrageous Behavior Caught On Tape | Weird TV | Police Stop | | Friends | Totally Outrageous Behavior Caught On Tape |
| CNN | | | | Business International | | Larry King Live | | World News | World Sport | Business International | | World News Asia | | World News | World Sport | World News Asia | | World News | World Sport |
| National Geographic | | The Last Voices From Heaven | | | | Tribal Voice | | Egypt Detectives | Africa From The Ground Up | Wow | | About Asia | | Nat'l Geographic Specials | | Capturing The Killer Croc | | Ultimate Crocodile | |
| Solar Sports | | | | Kotv Magazine | Fed Cup Highlights 1st Round '05WTA '05 Pacific Life Open Indian Wells, USA | | | | In This Corner | | Sports Desk | NBA Eastern Conf. Finals Game1 | | | | | GWS Ep.21-2005 | | |
| Lifestyle Network | Country Style | Interiors By Design | Decorating With Style | Decorating Cents | Molto Mario | Sweet Dreams | 30 Minute Meals | Bill Boggs Corner | Unwrapped | Ming's Quest | Revealed With Jules Asner | | It's Good To Be | Life & Style | | Guess Who's Coming To Decorate | | 50 Top Southern Homes | |
| HBO | | | | Love Don't Cost A Thing | | | Fletch (5.45PM) | | | | Clueless (7.25PM) | | | Batman Forever | | | | Daddy Day Care | |
| Star Movies | | | Trapped (3.45PM) | | | Romy & Michelle's Hi-School Reunion | | | | Die Hard 2: Die Harder (6.55PM) | | | | Santa Clause 2 | | | 40 Days And 40 Nights (10.45PM) | | |
| Cartoon Network | Scooby-Doo Show | The All New Popeye Show | | Tom & Jerry Show | The Woody Woodpecker Show | Ed, Edd N Eddy | Codename: Kids Next Door | Premiere | Toon Pick | Gundam Wing | Shaman King | The Looney Tunes Show | | The Grim Adventures Of Billy & Mandy | Courage The Cowardly Dog | Time Squad | Thundercats | He-Man & The Masters Of The Universe | Gundam Seed |
| Disney Channel | Mr Bean: The Animated Series | Totally Spies | The Sleepover Club | Art Attack/Un-talkative Bunny | Buzz Lightyear Star Command | Martin Mystery | Totally Spies | Kim Possible | Mr Bean: The Animated Series | House Of Mouse | Wonderful World Of Disney | | | My Wife And Kids | That's So Raven | America's Funniest Home Video | According To Jim | Wonderful World Of Disney | |
| Cinemax | | Pumpkin (3:15PM) | | | | Ghosts Of Mississippi | | | | | Octane | | | Lost Treasure | | | House Of 1000 Corpses | | |
| Hallmark Channel | Who's The Boss | Sue Thomas: F.B Eye | | HCA: The Fairytaler | Sesame Street | | Mad About You | Who's The Boss | Bewitched | Five Days To Midnight | | Sue Thomas: F.B Eye | | Spin | | | Wife Swap (10.35PM) | | Five Days To Midnight |
| Discovery Channel | | Power Zone | | | | Wild Discovery | | Ultimate Discovery | | Monster Garage | | American Chopper | | Wild Science | | Ultimate Discovery | | Crime Night | |
| Sports Plus | | | | | | French Open '05 Day5 3rd Round | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

TV SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.



INQ TV

The InqTV News Video SHOOTOUT

Report the news that you know best, and earn the chance to win P100,000!

Citizen journal[illegible]

Read the contest rules at http://inqtv.inquirer.com.ph

BEST COPY AVAILABLE

# Wade sizzles as Heat sear Pistons, level series at 1-1

he third quarter of Game 2 of the Eastern Conference finals. The Heat
points. AP

**MIAMI—Miami's Dwyane Wade rediscovered his aggressiveness and took over in the fourth quarter Wednesday, scoring 20 of his 40 points over the final 12 minutes as the Heat defeated the Detroit Pistons, 92-86, to even the best-of-seven series 1-1.**

This was the type of dominant offensive effort the Heat had grown accustomed to receiving from the 23-year-old during their consecutive sweeps of New Jersey and Washington in the first two rounds of the playoffs. Wade was able to summon another burst of brilliance to avoid having his team head to Detroit down 2-0.

"I wanted my voice to be the last he heard. I wanted to give him some inspiration," said O'Neal, who disregarded the danger of possibly waking Wade's wife and son. "He took a lot of heat for having a bad first game. I just told him to take your time, let the game come to you—and I'm here with you no matter what."

Wade scored 14 of Miami's first 16 points in the final quarter, then raced in from behind and came up with a crucial block of Chauncey Billups' 3-point attempt to help the Heat hold off the defending NBA champions.

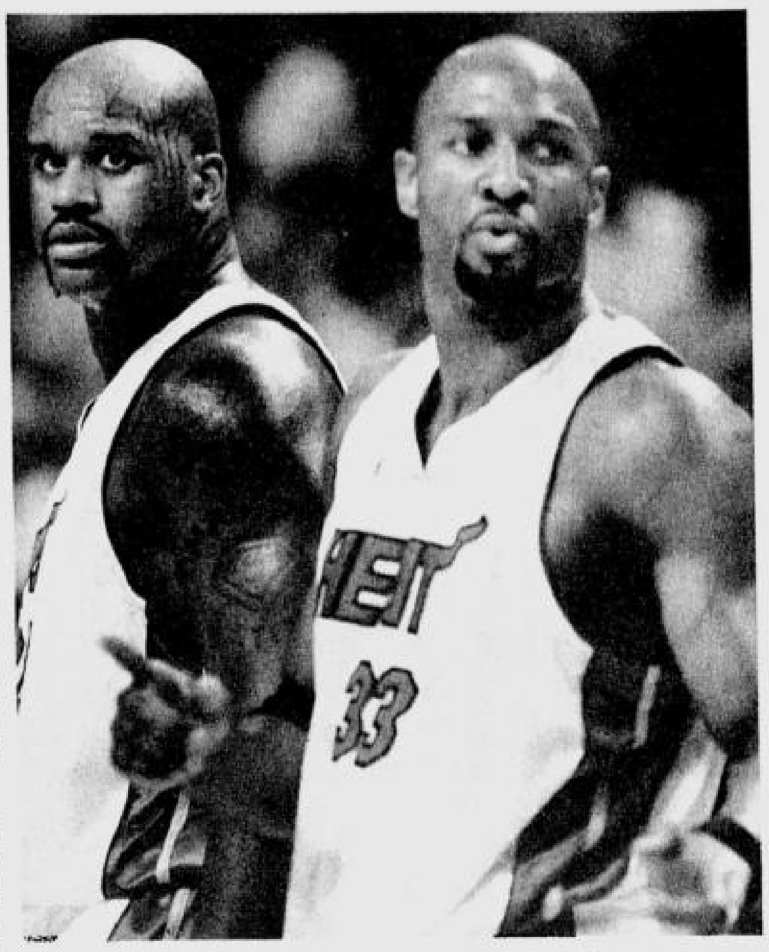
"I watched a lot of film, listened to a lot of people and used everything my college coach and NBA coach told me, too," said Wade, who shot 7-for-25 in Game 1. "They told me to come back with a good game. I was rushing some shots. I wasn't being patient. Tonight, I came out patient."

The series resumes Sunday night, each team having asserted itself once.

Wade eclipsed 30 points for the sixth time this postseason and reached 40 points for the second time, while O'Neal added 17 points and 10 rebounds and Damon Jones had 14 points.

Richard Hamilton scored 21 points and Tayshaun Prince had 17 for the Pistons, who came back from a 14-point deficit but were helpless to stop Wade when he decided it was time to take over.

"I know I'm human and am going to have some bad games, but it's all about how you come back the next day," Wade said. "(Miami president Pat) Riley told me even the great ones, even (Michael) Jordan, have bad games. Don't put it all on yourself." *AP*



HEAT center Shaquille O'Neal (left) with teammate Alonzo Mourning. REUTERS

# Lady Stags extend win streak to four

CHERRY Rose Macatangay drilled in seven crucial kills in the endgame as San Sebastian outlasted Ateneo, 25-21, 22-25, 18-25, 25-18, 15-10, yesterday for the solo lead in the Shakey's V-League.

The Lady Stags ignored a delayed start to the game and rallied from a set down with Macatangay and Jennifer Bohawe leading the attack to win for the fourth straight time in as many games.

The Lady Eagles reeled to their second setback against the same number of wins, good for a tie with first conference champion Santo Tomas.

San Sebastian shoots for win No. 5 opposite powerhouse La Salle, the only other unbeaten team in the field, tomorrow at 5 p.m. also at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum.

"It will be another test for us," said SSC coach Roger Gorayeb of the match with the Lady Archers, the second conference champ.

Macatangay tallied a total of 34 points, all but two coming on kills, while Bohawe chipped in with 24 for the Recoletos-based squad, which defied a superb defensive effort by the Lady Eagles all game.

Ateneo, which escaped being defaulted after failing to make it to the venue on time, was led by the veteran tandem of Cecille Tabuena and Michelle Laborte with a combined 37 markers.

The Lady Eagles were only allowed to play with the consent of Gorayeb. *Karla Tricia Magno*

# Federer, Nadal hurdle French Open rivals

PARIS—Roger Federer kept alive his dream of winning the French Open while Spanish teenager Rafael Nadal strongly suggested he could triumph at his first attempt on Wednesday.

The two big favorites, playing at the same time, easily survived the second round and Nadal was arguably the more impressive.

The gifted 18-year-old with the amazing forehand hit astonishing winners almost at will to brush aside Belgian Xavier Malisse, 6-2 6-2 6-4, in under two hours, extending his winning streak on clay to 19 matches.

The burly fourth seed, trying to become the first player to win the French Open on debut since Swede Mats Wilander in 1982, was never in trouble and delighted the crowd.

World number one Federer, chasing the only Grand Slam to elude him, was never really threatened by Spanish baseliner Nicolas Almagro on his way to a 6-3 7-6 6-2 win.

Swiss Federer, who could meet Nadal in the semifinals, showed signs of nerves, notably when he was broken while serving for the second set.

The versatile 23-year-old wasted no time in regaining control, however, taking the tiebreak, 7-0.

Almagro, who bowed out by hitting a forehand wide on the second match point after an hour and 47 minutes, never recovered.

Nadal will be tested in the next round by fellow teenager Richard Gasquet of France, who pushed the Spaniard all the way in last month's Monte Carlo semifinals.

The 18-year-old Gasquet, France's best chance in the men's singles, thrilled his fans, serving superbly on his way to a 6-3, 7-6, 6-1 over Dutchman Peter Wessels.

Tim Henman's dream of repeating his great 2004 run had earlier evaporated in the Paris sunshine when tough Peruvian baseliner Luis Horna beat him, 7-5 6-7 6-3 6-4.

The British number one, who reached the semifinals last year, found no answer to Horna's powerful baseline play.

The usually cool Briton seemed distracted by the atmosphere and was warned by the umpire for swearing. He also appeared to be suffering from a recurrent back problem but insisted neither factor affected the outcome.

"It's disappointing but I feel he played better than me and deserved it," he said.

The excited youngsters shrieking in the alleys around the courts on the traditional children's day—there is no school in France on Wednesday—saw no major upsets.

Top seed and world number one Lindsay Davenport survived a scare, clawing back from two points from defeat to beat Chinese teenager Peng Shuai, 3-6, 7-6, 6-0. *Reuters*

RAFAEL Nadal celebrates after winning a point against Argentina's Guillermo Coria during the final of the Rome Masters which he won. AP

# Eneos dragfest slated in Clark; Peralejo guest

IT'S all systems go for the Eneos Lubricants All Power Drag Racing Championship 2005 tomorrow at the all-weather Spur Road Drag Strip, Clarkfield, Pampanga.

Fabulous giveaways, big cash prizes, finely crafted trophies and a gallon of Eneos Pro-Racing motor oil await participants in this year's most prestigious car dragfest organized by Impact PR Systems in cooperation with Delta Japan Oil Corp. and Clark Development Corp.

Matonetics' high-end drag racing devices will be utilized in this event which has three different tournament categories, namely, Hotstreet, Pro Class and the hotly contested Superstock.

Sexy stars Jen Rosendahl and Rica Peralejo are expected to add glitter to the awarding ceremony that will follow right after the last blast-off of this event.

Eneos, which means New Energy, is the number one lube brand in Japan that is why Bobby Tanyag, president of exclusive Eneos Philippine distributor Delta Japan Oil Corp., is highly positive Eneos' line of motor oil would pass the standards of Filipino motorists.

For details regarding the Eneos dragfest, text or call El Amigo and Ram Base (0916-6471921) of Impact PR Systems or Ruben and Dianne of Eneos at 812-2019 and 7592643 or e-mail eneospr@pldtdsl.net.

# Briones repeats as Cocker of the Year

**CLEAN LIVING**

*Manolo R. Iñigo*

WITHOUT media hype and fanfare, unpretentious Rey Briones has emerged once again the Pasay Cockpit Cockers Association Cocker of the Year, amassing a total of 21.5 points after eight legs of the 2005 PCCA 4-Cock Derby series which started in December 2004 and ended on May 20 this year.

Fielding his signature bloodlines—the locally bred Red Spartans, Gray Spartans and LSK Spartans—Briones, an executive of the tabloid Remate, nosed out another newspaperman, Malaya publisher Jake Macasaet, who tallied 19 points in the star-studded series that also saw the participation of the country's very best cocker-breeders such as former World Slasher champion Rudy Salud, William Go, Benjie Lim, Pol Estrellado, William Co and Jun Marasigan, to name a few.

A longtime friend and colleague at the defunct Evening Post, Briones, then a virtual unknown in the sport of cockfighting, made his presence felt in 2003 when he first won the PCCA Cocker of the Year award.

Then in that same year, he proved beyond doubt that he was deserving of respect and recognition when he won in grand style his debut in the World Slasher 8-Cock Derby at the Big Dome, posting seven wins in eight fights and finishing in a tie with veteran Matt Bitanga.

"I didn't expect to beat the elite field," Briones said humbly after winning the World Slasher championship. With his impressive victory, Briones thus joined past champions of the event led by Danding Cojuangco, Nene Araneta, the late James Chiongbian, Peping Cojuangco and his partner Esting Teopaco, Dickie Lim, William Co and Eddie Araneta.

His early venture in cockfighting was not every promising. But with his serious dedication, passion for the sport and Christian charity, Briones soon reaped handsome dividends. When he started breeding fighting cocks in 2003, he had only some 80 heads in his modest game farm in Bacolod City. Today, he has around 2,000 cocks under his care, 1,000 of which are ready to fight. He has also expanded his breeding venture. Now he's raising fighting cocks not only in Bacolod City, but also in Masbate and Pampanga.

"I am fortunate enough to have as my partners sportsminded people like Rep. Prospero Pichay, Masbate Gov. Tony Kho and Bubot Booc.

They shared materials with me and provided a very capable support act," said Briones in an interview.

However, despite his phenomenal success as a cocker-breeder, Briones is still batting for reforms to benefit the industry's other direct players like handlers (taga-bitaw) and gaffers (mananari). At present, there is no law that requires derby organizers to award official recognition like standard cash prizes and trophies to winning handlers and gaffers. It is only the champion entry/owner that is entitled to the cash prizes and trophies up for grabs.

"I pity these poor handlers and gaffers," said Briones. "These people should get a fair and better treatment from derby organizers because they are the vital cog that keeps the industry going." He stressed that the handlers specifically play an important role in cockfighting. They do not only risk life and limb in personally handling the cocks during a match, but they also serve as conditioner, trainer, nutritionist, "doctor," coach and so on and so forth months before a particular derby.

Briones is hoping that the local governments, which have taken over the functions of the Philippine Gamefowl Commission, would soon require local derby organizers to set aside prize money and trophies and/or cups for all winning handlers and gaffers just like what is being done in horse racing where cash prizes and trophies are handed out to the winning horse owners, jockeys, breeders and trainers.

His other most recent achievements included a runner-up finish (with Rep. Pichay) in a four-cock derby in Aklan on April 2; champion (with Bubot Booc) of the Surigao Five-Cock Derby on April 4; runner-up (with Rep. Pichay) one-day six-cock derby at the Las Piñas Coliseum on April 9; champion of the Roligon Six-Cock Air Assault Derby (with a perfect score of six points) on May 18.

And yes, Briones has also given boxing idol and cockfighting buff Manny Pacquiao a brotherly advice: Pacquiao must not personally handle his fighting cock because it is too risky. "*Delikado, baka matari siya* (It's dangerous, he might get cut)." Briones stressed that Pacquiao's arms are a "national treasure" and must not be unnecessarily exposed to danger.

I agree with Briones. In my experience as a cockfighting aficionado, I have witnessed several cases of handlers getting cut by the sharp knife attached to a rooster's leg. I even know that some prominent cockers who personally handled their fighting cocks in the past suffered ugly cuts themselves, among them hotelier Biboy Enriquez and the late labor leader Alejandro "Andoy" Suansing.

Pacquiao should heed Briones' advice before it's too late.

BEST COPY AVAILABLE

AYALA CENTER
GLORIETTA • Greenbelt

ALABANG TOWN CENTER

AYALA CENTER CEBU

AYALA MALLS
LoveMall!

and Ayala Malls bring you
TIME to SHINE!
CHAMPIONS LEAGUE of 5
Live in Concert
with special guest
Ms. Anna Fegi

| AYALA CENTER | ALABANG TOWN CENTER | AYALA CENTER CEBU |
|---|---|---|
| May 21, 2005, 6:00pm | May 22, 2005, 6:00pm | June 4, 2005, 7:00pm |
| Glorietta Park 4 | Activity Center | Activity Center |
| Customer Service Hotline: 752 7277 | Customer Service Hotline: 842 2782, 772 1860 | Customer Service Hotline: (032) 2315342 LOC 324 |

AYALA MALLS
LoveMall!

## At the Activity Center

| GLORIETTA | ALABANG TOWN CENTER | AYALA CENTER CEBU |
|---|---|---|
| Netopia Cyberleague<br>May 26-27, 2005 | Oreo Family Day<br>May 29, 2005 | Asian Academy of Music Recital<br>TV Eskwela<br>May 28,2005 |

AYALA GREENBELT

8th Asian Cartoon Exhibition:
"The Meaning Of Life" by Japan Foundation
May 22 - 31, 2005

GREENBELT 1 Onstage AYALA CENTER

Repertory Philippines
"SUMMER WORKSHOP SHOWCASE"
May 17, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28
For inquiries, please call 887-0710

Ayala MUSEUM

Visit the New Ayala Museum located beside Greenbelt 4 along Makati Avenue.
For inquiries, please call 757-7117.

## AYALA CINEMAS

AYALA CINEMAS

THX

Reserve your seats by texting SURESEATS GB3 or SURESEATS G4 to 2333 (Globe) or 211 (Smart) or log on to www.sureseqts.com for web reservations.

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| G1 GLORIETTA 1 | MADAGASCAR | STAR WARS EP. 3 | HOUSE OF WAX | LA VISA LOKA | | | |
| G4 GLORIETTA 4 | STAR WARS EP. 3 | STAR WARS EP. 3 | THX STAR WARS EP. 3<br>12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30<br>GUARANTEED SEATS | LA VISA LOCA | HOUSE OF WAX | MADAGASCAR | UNLEASHED |
| GB1 GREENBELT 1 | UNLEASHED<br>10:55, 1:05, 3:15, 5:25, 7:35,9:45 | STAR WARS EP. 3<br>12:30, 3:20, 6:10, 9:00 | | | | | |
| GB3 GREENBELT 3 | THX STAR WARS EP. 3<br>1:50, 4:40, 10:20<br>GUARANTEED SEATS | THX STAR WARS EP. 3<br>1:20, 4:00, 6:40,9:30, 12:00<br>GUARANTEED SEATS | UNLEASHED<br>2:35, 4:45, 6:55,9:05, 11:15<br>GUARANTEED SEATS | HOUSE OF WAX<br>12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30,9:45, 12:00<br>GUARANTEED SEATS | MADAGASCAR<br>11:30, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30,9:30, 11:30<br>GUARANTEED SEATS | | |
| ATC ALABANG TOWN CENTER | THX STAR WARS EP. 3 | MADAGASCAR | UNLEASHED | HOUSE OF WAX | STAR WARS EP. 3 | | |
| ACC AYALA CENTER CEBU | STAR WARS EP. 3 | MADAGASCAR | UNLEASHED | LA VISA LOKA | | | |

BUNDLED Ticket
Ayala Cinemas... Beyond Movies
FREE 2 GAMES
For a minimum P20 NEW load.
FREE 16oz. ICE TEA or SODA
For a minimum P50 POPCORN purchase

Stargazing at Glorietta
MEET & GREET the stars of Say That You Love Me
June 3 (Friday) 5:00 PM
Glorietta Activity Center
Reserved seats for the first 100 moviegoers & FREE picture taking with the stars for the first 30 moviegoers.
Simply present your SAY THAT YOU LOVE ME movie ticket purchased in Ayala Cinemas on June 3 at the promo booth located in the Glorietta activity center.

Customer Service text hotline: 0917 6095900
Customer Service text hotline: Glorietta - 752 7272; from 10am to 8pm
Greenbelt - 752 4853; from 11am to 12mn
Alabang Town Center - 842 2782; from 10am to 8pm
Ayala Center Cebu - (032) 231 5342 loc 324

Movie schedules may change without prior notice. For verification call 729 7777

All-Digital Cinemas

MARKET! MARKET!
The fun is in the finds
Developed and managed by Ayala Land, Inc.

Movies are subject to change without prior notice.
Customer Service Hotline: 886-7515

Free Seating Cinemas: P70.00

① Star Wars Ep. 3
② Kingdom of Heaven
③ The Amityville Horror
④ La Visa Loka

Guaranteed Seats Cinemas: P90.00

⑤ House Of Wax
⑥ Unleashed
⑦ Star Wars Ep. 3

## EVENTS! EVENTS!

Family Entertainment Package
P500
Valid only for certain movies. Please see ticket booth for details.

4 movie passes (Guaranteed Seats Cinemas)
1 BigTime Popcorn
P100 Powercard

## ROBINSONS MOVIEWORLD CINEMAS MOVIE GUIDE

MOVIEWORLD

CINEMA ACCESS
635-5555
FOR ALL BRANCHES

www.robinsonsmovieworld.com

MOVIES/SCHEDULES/PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE

### GALLERIA 632-9115/16

1 STAR WARS Episode III • THX
2 STAR WARS Episode III
3 HOUSE OF WAX
4 UNLEASHED
5 LA VISA LOCA
6 BIKINI OPEN
7 IN GOOD COMPANY
8 KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
9 STAR WARS Episode III
10 AMITYVILLE HORROR

### ERMITA 536-7809 to 12

1 STAR WARS Episode III
2 AMITYVILLE HORROR
3 IN GOOD COMPANY
4 HOUSE OF WAX
5 KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
6 LA VISA LOCA
7 UNLEASHED

### METRO EAST 682-8193 • 682-8199

1 AMITYVILLE HORROR
2 KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
3 BIKINI OPEN
4 HOUSE OF WAX
5 STAR WARS Episode III
6 STAR WARS Episode III
7 UNLEASHED
8 LA VISA LOCA

### NOVALICHES 935-3229/31

1 STAR WARS Episode III
2 LA VISA LOCA
3 UNLEASHED
4 HOUSE OF WAX
5 STAR WARS Episode III
6 BIKINI OPEN
7 RESERVE
8 RESERVE

### PIONEER 687-5378

1 STAR WARS Episode III
2 LA VISA LOCA
3 UNLEASHED
4 HOUSE OF WAX

### CITISQUARE MALABON 288-2575

1 STAR WARS Episode III
2 LA VISA LOCA
3 SAMARA RING 2
4 TAGOS SA LAMAN

### CAINTA 240-4661

1 STAR WARS Episode III
2 LA VOSA LOCA
3 BIKINI OPEN
4 HOUSE OF WAX

in theaters MAY 27

Meet the PENGUINS!
have your pictures taken with the cute and cuddly PENGUINS in MADAGASCAR

MAY 19 Robinsons Movieworld ERMITA
MAY 22 Robinsons Movieworld GALLERIA
MAY 30 Robinsons Movieworld NOVALICHES
MAY 31 Robinsons Movieworld GALLERIA
JUNE 02 Robinsons Movieworld ERMITA
JUNE 03 Robinsons Movieworld GALLERIA
See them LIVE at 5:00 PM

### STA. ROSA (049) 837-0907

1 KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
2 STAR WARS Episode III
3 LA VISA LOCA
4 BIKINI OPEN
5 THE INTERPRETER

### LIPA (043) 757-3664 (043) 312-5870

1 STAR WARS Episode III
2 LA VISA LOCA
3 THE PACIFIER
4 BIKINI OPEN
5 THE WEDDING DATE

### DASMARIÑAS (046) 852-2125 (046) 416-4332

1 STAR WARS Episode III
2 LA VISA LOCA
3 KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
4 BIKINI OPEN
5 BOSO

### ANGELES (045) 892-2348

1 STAR WARS Episode III
2 LA VISA LOCA
3 BIKINI OPEN
4 THE INTERPRETER

### IMUS (046) 875-3838 (046) 471-8188

1 UNLEASHED
2 BIKINI OPEN
3 HOUSE OF WAX
4 STAR WARS Episode III
5 LA VISA LOCA
6 IN GOOD COMPANY

### STARMILLS (045) 875-1927 (045) 961-5270

1 GUESS WHO
2 BIKINI OPEN
3 LA VISA LOCA
4 KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
5 STAR WARS Episode III
6 UNLEASHED

### BACOLOD (034) 441-0453 (034) 441-0459

1 SAHARA
2 STAR WARS Episode III
3 LA VISA LOCA
4 THE WEDDING DATE
5 KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
6 GUESS WHO

### ILOILO (033) 336-8070

1 THE INTERPRETER
2 STAR WARS Episode III
3 LA VISA LOCA
4 SAHARA
5 THE WEDDING DATE
6 KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

The Perfect Gift All Year Round
A Pre Paid Movie Pass to the Hottest Seats in town.
Get Special discounts for volume purchases!
For marketing and events/reservations please call Marketing Services Department at 687-7945 to 47 locals 14 and 15

## SPORTSWATCH

### 300 players enter GGBT

THE 3RD Gokongwei Group Badminton Tournament (GGBT) will kick off on June 4 with more than 300 players participating. The tournament will be held at the Olympic Badminton Club in Libis, Quezon City. Last year's team champion, Sun Cellular, will be defending its crown against runner-up Cebu Pacific and 17 other business units. Ivy Cayayan, organizing committee member, said the record number of participants this year would give the tournament greater success. Players will come from the Gokongwei group of companies.

### Inquirer, Star Sports 9-ball promo

THE SAN Miguel Asian 9-Ball Tour makes its final stop in Manila from June 3-5 at the Robinsons Galleria Trade Hall. The Philippine Daily Inquirer and Star Sports will be giving lucky individuals a chance to see Asia's best cue artists in action with free tickets to the event. To win a pair of free tickets, just answer the following question: Which player holds the most number of wins in the San Miguel Asian 9-Ball Tour? Call in your answer to 844-4541, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fifteen pairs of tickets will be given away until May 31.

### Greatest Game stars SCOOP guests

LOCAL professional basketball's finest products, headed by winningest coach Virgilio "Baby" Dalupan and former senator Robert Jaworski will be today's guests at the resumption of the SCOOP Sa Kamayan weekly session at the Kamayan Restaurant in Padre Faura. Dalupan and Jaworski will be handling the TM Legends and TM Greats, respectively, in tomorrow's PBA Greatest Game which serves as highlight of the 30th anniversary celebration of the country's only professional league. Also invited are four-time MVP Ramon Fernandez, Francis Arnaiz, Danny Florencio, Samboy Lim, Ato Agustin, Lim Eng Beng, Manny Paner, Benjie Paras, Ronnie Magsanoc, Johnny Abarrientos, and Kenneth Duremdes of the Greats team and Legends' Atoy Co, Philip Cezar, Freddie Hubalde, Bogs Àdornado, Allan Caidic, Alvin Patrimonio, another four-time MVP, Hector Calma, Jerry Codinera, Vergel Meneses, and Jojo Lastimosa.

### PSA Forum moves to new home

THE WEEKLY PSA (Philippine Sportswriters Association) Sports Forum has a new home. Starting Tuesday (May 31), the public service program organized by the country's oldest group of media practitioners will be held at the Seafood Wharf Restaurant near the Army and Navy Club at Luneta. According to PSA president Jimmy Cantor of Malaya, the transfer of venue was made possible through the help of Manila Mayor Lito Atienza. Sponsored by Red Bull, Pagcor, Supermax and Circure and aired live over dzRH Sports Radio, the forum was previously held at the Music Room of the Manila Pavilion, which is about to undergo massive renovation.

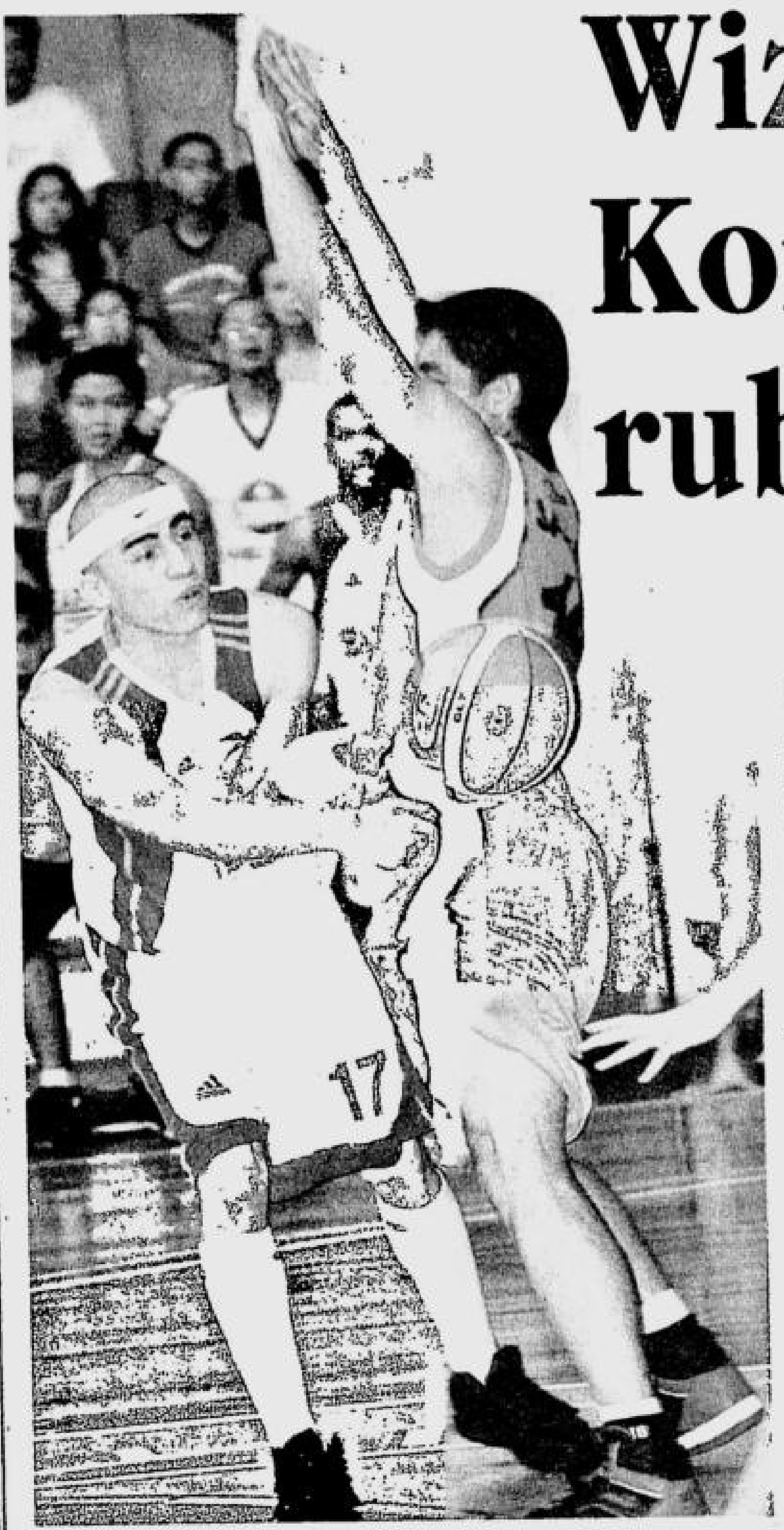
### Special 4-cocker up in Pasay

A CRACK cast of big-time cockers and breeders will see action tonight in another special 4-cock derby at the air– conditioned Pasay City Cockpit. Hosting the event is two–time world champion William Go, who won the coveted GCAP Cocker of the Year title Monday night at Las Piñas Coliseum. Sagupaan Complexor 3000, Sagupaan B-5-Forten and Sagupaan Mite Free are the main sponsors of the card that features more than 70 fights. Early favorites are the entries of Pol Estrellado, Boy Royo, ASF Farms, Frankie Uy, Rudy Albano, Maj. Bobby Doromal, Alex Escalona, Benjie Lim, Pepito Ngo, Listana Group, Boy Marzo, Ruel Ricafort, Patrick Antonio, William Co, Lito Orillaza and Tony Lasala.

### Summer Heat derby deadline today

DEADLINE for the submission of entries to Roligon Mega Cockpit's "Summer Heat 4–Cock Derby" has been set today from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. The two-cock eliminations ( 2- cock ) start at 4 p.m. tomorrow with more than 100 fights scheduled. Admission prices are P200 and P300. The second round will be held on Monday and the finals on Wednesday. Entry fee is P5,500; while the guaranteed prize dangled by Roligon owner Rolly Ligon is P1.2 million. Awaiting the fastest win champion is a Toyota Hi- Lux Diesel.

# Wizards gain; Kornets force rubber match



**TIGHT guarding Abby Santos of Granny Goose (right) forces Harbour Centre's Mac Cardona to pass off.** AUGUST DELA CRUZ

**GAMES TOMORROW**
**(Blue Eagle Gym, Ateneo)**
3:30 p.m.—Harbour Centre vs Granny Goose

By Jasmine W. Payo

**NEIL Rañeses outshone his superstar teammates in the second half as Magnolia Ice Cream drubbed Toyota Otis-Letran, 66-53, yesterday to advance to the semifinals of the PBL Unity Cup at the JCSGO Gym, Cubao.**

"We wanted a strong finish," said coach Koy Banal after the defending champions joined topseed Montaña Pawnshop and Welcoat Paints in the Final Four.

New Fil-Am recruit Kelly Williams delivered another outstanding effort with 20 points and 16 rebounds.

Earlier, Granny Goose forged a knockout match for the remaining semifinal slot after stunning Harbour Centre, 78-76.

Chico Lanete topscored with 15 points for the Kornets, who withstood the Portmasters' late rally in the final two minutes.

"We were able to stop (Mac) Cardona," said coach Jun Tan of the league's top scorer, who was held to only two points in the second half.

Turnovers doomed Harbour Centre as Lanete, Toti Almeda and Abby Santos teamed up to lift Granny Goose to 77-68 lead with 2:24 left in the fourth quarter.

Jenkins Mesina's three-point play sparked the Portmasters comeback. An LA Tenorio layup followed by another three-point play by Gabby Espinas pulled the rookie squad within a point, 77-76, with 1:10 remaining.

JR Quiñahan, who posted six blocks, swatted Cardona's. low-post attempt with 4.4 ticks remaining and the Kornets pulled through when Cardona missed the tying jumper at the buzzer.

**The scores:**

**First Game**

**GRANNY GOOSE 78**—Lanete 15, Santos 12, Quiñahan 9, Grijaldo 8, Saladaga 7,Manalo 7, Alfad 6, Cruz 5, Latonio 5, Almeda 4, Cervantes 0, Concha 0, Guerrero 0.

**HARBOUR CENTRE 76**—Cardona 17, Espinas 17, Mesina 11, Tenorio 8, Bugia 7, Gaco 6, Gatumbato 3, Sanz 3, Membrere 1, Mendoza 1, Dizon 0.

**Quarters:** 33-22, 50-49, 66-62, 78-76.

**Second Game:**

**MAGNOLIA 66**—Rañeses 20, Williams 20, Miranda 12, Santos 4, Calli 3, Isip 3, Co 2, Misolas 2, Rizada 0.

**TOYOTA OTIS 53**—Daa 13, Enrile 7, Oreta 6, Coronel 6, Aban 6, Capati 4, Macapagal 4, Rodriguez 3, Alcaraz 2, Larong 2, Piñera 0, Andaya 0.

**Quarters:** 17-13, 33-32, 47-43, 66-53.

# Villanueva replaces injured Raymundo

RICO Villanueva will replace injured Kerby Raymundo in the Philippine team roster when the Fiba-Asia Champions Cup kicks off Sunday at the Araneta Coliseum.

Villanueva, Red Bull Barako's center, was earlier excluded from the lineup after missing several national team practices due to his commitment with the Thunder.

But he was activated and called to action by Reyes yesterday after PBA commissioner Noli Eala had spoken with Red Bull coach Yeng Guiao and explained the predicament.

"Doctors had told Kerby not to risk playing daily games so we had to make a decision," said Reyes.

The Philippines opens its campaign against India at 6 p.m. following a brief opening ceremony.

Other inaugural games pit Iran against defending champion Lebanon at 12:30 p.m., Kuwait against Syria at 2:45, and United Arab Emirates against Jordan at 8:15 p.m.

All Fil-Am players in the lineup—San Miguel's Nic Belasco, Talk 'N Text's Jimmy Alapag, Coca-Cola's Rafi Reavis, Alaska's Sonny Thoss and Shell's Tony dela Cruz—have secured their Philippine passports, a requirement needed to be submitted during the team managers meeting tomorrow.

Others in the RP team lineup are Yancy de Ocampo and Willie Miller of Talk 'N Text, Renren Ritualo of FedEx, Dondon Hontiveros of San Miguel, and Mark Caguioa and Romel Adducul of Ginebra.

# BCAP clinics June 1

THE BASKETBALL Coaches Association of the Philippines (BCAP), in coordination with AYN Sports Management, will be holding the first of its biennial clinics from June 1 to 3 at the Emilio Aguinaldo Gymnasium along General Luna Street in Paco, Manila.

The three-day seminar will be conducted by Tim Cone of Alaska, Yeng Guiao of Red Bull, Alfrancis Chua of Sta. Lucia and multititled coach Derick Pumaren.

Chito Narvasa will present this nationwide development program to the coaches. Call 687-2156 to 58 or e-mail sports@aynresource.net.ph.

## SPORTS TV

Compiled by L. Manguiat

**GOLF**: LPGA Sybase Classic; 6 p.m.; ESPN—Check out fourth round action from New York.

Philippine Open Highlights; 7:30 p.m.; STAR Sports—Check out the best highlights from Mt. Malarayat.

**TENNIS**: 2005 French Open; 5 p.m.; Sports Plus—The year's second Grand Slam event continues.

***Schedules subject to change without prior notice.***

# Baguio makes NBC debut vs Parañaque

BAGUIO makes its debut in the 2005 Panasonic-NBC national basketball championship today when it plays host to Vice Mayor and actor/TV host Anjo Yllana's Parañaque Jets at the University of Baguio gym.

Changing their monicker from Cardinal to Lions, team manager Christian Anthony Bautista's Baguio cagers are confident of doing well against the Jets in their 6 p.m. contest.

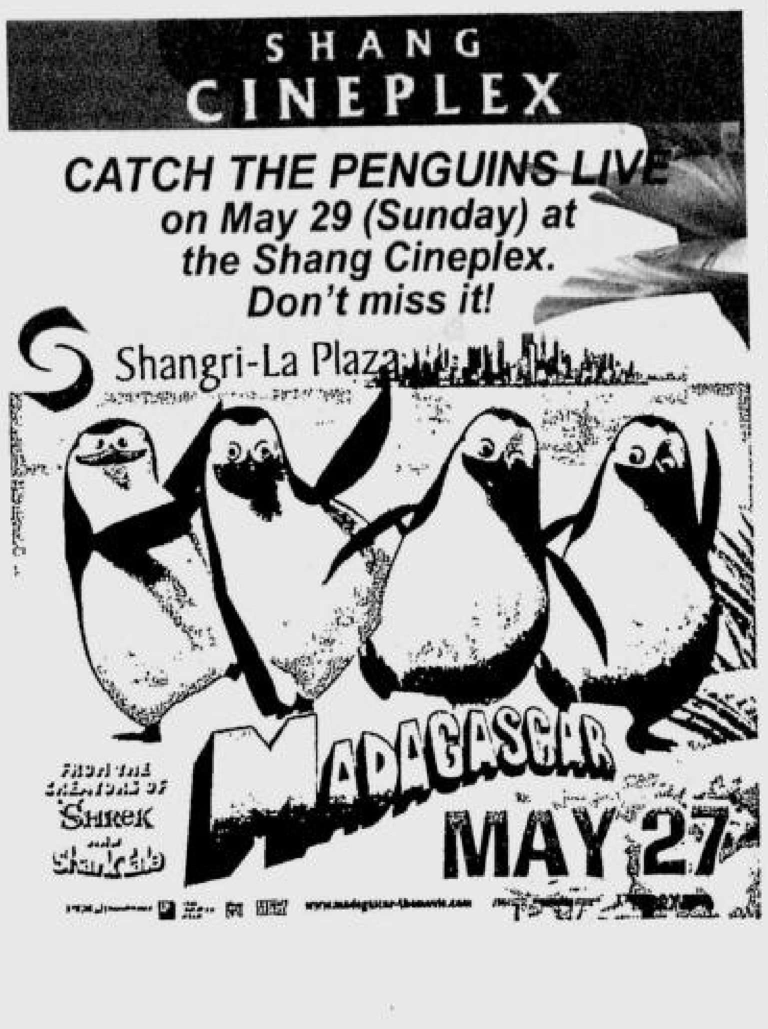
Old reliables Robert Giron, Edbert Ton Joel Bona, Jun Balares, Melvin Fontanilla and Mark Mondina lead Baguio, which is backed by Texas Instruments and Beneco.

Over at the Minglanilla Sports Complex in Cebu, defending champion Tribu Sugbu goes up against the Zamboanga del Norte (Zanorte) Hornbills also at 6 p.m.

The Skygo/Sirlitz-backed Cebuanos carry a 1-1 card after losing to Ozamiz City and beating the Cagayan de Oro Stars.

The Hornbills of Gov. Rolando Yebes, Dapitan Mayor Dominador Jalosjos Jr. and Dipolog Mayor Roberto Uy have yet to win in the tourney sponsored by Panasonic, Sulpicio Lines, Cebu Pacific, Philtranco, Spring Cooking Oil, Accel, Molten, Sunbolt, Nature's Spring, Far Eastern Insurance, Skygo Motorcycles, Sirlitz, Ping Ping Lechon, Rough Rider Jeans, Prime Channel, Bayview Park Hotel and Holiday Plaza-Cebu.

"We though of a more marketable name for the team, something that could easily identify the city of Baguio," said Bautista.


SHANG CINEPLEX
CATCH THE PENGUINS LIVE on May 29 (Sunday) at the Shang Cineplex. Don't miss it!
Shangri-La Plaza
MADAGASCAR
FROM THE CREATORS OF SHREK
MAY 27

The Manila SPEEDZONE
AND FUJIFILM
BRING YOU THE
RPN
AUTO EXTREME
SUMMER BAR TOUR '05
Your Number One Motoring Show on TV has just turned three! Join us as we celebrate our third year anniversary on the last leg of our '05 Summer Bar Tour, and that's **TONIGHT- 9:00PM at the Comfort Zone of the Manila Speedzone, at the Fort Global City.** We'll be raffling-off a 50cc pocket bike, a wash-over paint job and sport seats along with tons of other cool stuff! Jam along with live band music amidst an awesome display of hot custom cars! It's a party you just can't miss – so be there, and Get In!

**For more info, call 410-8282 or e-mail contact@autoextreme.tv**
**The AUTO EXTREME SUMMER BAR TOUR 2005 is also brought to you by:**

BODY KITS & CAR CARE ACCESSORIES
CONCEPT ONE
H&R
JETCAR
SPORT
ATI GROUP
DEFLECTOR
KIA Quezon Avenue
XENON-BULBS
THE MOST HIT MUSIC
EQUIPT

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

# Godio, Farrales in crucial duel

**Matches Today**

7 a.m. V. Godio (1) vs. L. Farrales (5), 7:10 K. Gonzales (3) vs K. Uy (2) 7:20 J. Papa (1) vs. M. Ilagan 7:30 Oh KT (4)vs. K. Tayao (12) 7:40 I. Clavecilla (2) vs. R. Sangil (6) 7:50 A. Avena (3) vs. O. Gan (11)

**By Jong Arcano**

GEN. TRIAS, Cavite—Top seed Vinice Godio and Leana Farrales battle for a spot in the title match, while Katrina Gonzales battles Kathleen Uy in a showdown between teeners in today's ladies semifinals of the inaugural National Tournament of Club Champions at the Eagle Ridge Golf and Country Club course here.

Godio of Alabang, the most senior among the semifinalists, hopes to sustain the steady form she's been showing since the eliminations against a determined and fifth-seeded Farrales, the Globe executive carrying the Wack Wack banner.

Gonzales of Riviera is slightly favored against Cebu Country Club's Uy in an interesting Final Four duel of junior players.

Explosive matches are also on tap in the men's division quarterfinals of the event co-presented by INQUIRER Golf and Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp in cooperation with the Golf Distributors Association of the Philippines.

John Papa, the No. 1 seed, faces an acid test when The Country Club bet goes up against the steady-playing Marty Ilagan of Manila Southwoods.

Another match to watch is the Iggy Clavecilla-Raymund Sangil tiff for a semifinal seat.

Eagle Ridge bet Oh Kwang Taek, a prohibitive favorite due to his familiarity with the course, tackles Sta. Elena representative Kevin Tayao while Mt. Malarayat's Abe Avena collides with Oliver Gan of Tagaytay Highlands.

The first-ever tourney for club champions is supported by Omega watches and Toyota Innova, the event's official vehicle.

The other backers are Philippine Airlines as the official carrier, Printown, GG&A Club Shares, Mizuno, Titleist as the official ball, Aviva Insurance, Nike Golf, Ayala Greenfield Estates, Coppertone Sport and Sunbolt Sports Drink.

After playing the Faldo course during the eliminations on Tuesday and the Aoki layout in the first round of the tournament proper, the survivors move to the easier Norman course today. Yesterday was a rest day, which allowed participants to relax like the young Uy, who enjoyed the many amenities of Eagle Ridge.

It's going to be an ultimate test of accuracy tomorrow when the ladies final and the men's semis is held at the feared Dye course. The men's final returns to the Faldo course on Sunday.

The-men's division winner will be sent to Scotland as a special guest of the HSBC world match play while the ladies champion wins a trip to the inaugural HSBC ladies world match play in New Jersey, USA. The runner-ups each get an Omega Limited Philippine edition watch while the third placer get a golf bag from Mizuno.

# Fiba tilt begins Sunday

**Games Sunday**
**(*Araneta Coliseum*)**
12:30 p.m.—Iran vs. Lebanon
2:45 p.m.—Kuwait vs. Syria
5:30 p.m.—Opening Ceremony
6 p.m.—RP vs. India
8:15 p.m.—UAE vs. Jordan

I.R. Iran, powered by tall, talented young players, is tagged as one of the strong title contenders in the 16th Fiba Asia Champions Cup kicking off Sunday at the Araneta Coliseum.

Bannering the team is 7-foot-4 Jaber Rouzbabahani Darrehsari, who's tagged as the next important Asian cage superstar. Only 18, he was one of the few Asians invited to join the NBA camp last year.

The other "Iranian Towers" to watch are 6-foot-8 Hamed Sohrabnejad and 6-7 Aydin Nekkhah Bahrami.

Reinforcing the team are 6-2 Andre Doran Pitts and 6-7 Lorenzo Daynard Hall.

Iran will open hostilities against defending champion Lebanon at 12:30 p.m.

"Iran is a fighting team. Although Lebanon remains the title favorite but I think Qatar, the Philippines and Iran will give a good fight this year," said BAP secretary general Graham Lim.

"Iran has improved a lot with its new breed of fast, tall and talented players. This tournament will be a gauge if Iran can make it among the elite cage powers of Asia," Lim added.

THE GREAT K•SWISS SALE
MAY 28-30, 2005
MEGATRADE HALL 3
5/F, BLDG. B, SM MEGAMALL
UP TO 80% OFF
ON GREAT SELECTION
WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF:
BROWN
Ashley Brown
U.S. COLLEGE
JOHN BLACKSTONE
Per DTI NCR permit # A3-382, Series of 2005.

GRAND VITARA
GRAND VITARA
Deep down, other SUVs are just cars.
FULL FRAME 4x4
2WD [2H] 4WD [4H]
DRIVE SELECT 4x4
4x4

For the 2.5L, buyers get additional accessories:
- Head Lamp Trim
- Cargo Net
- Bumper Protection Set
- Front & Rear Mud Flap

For the 2.0L, buyers get additional accessories:
- Head Lamp Trim
- Cargo Net
- Door Visor Set
- Bumper Protection Set
- Side Sport Bar

The Real 4x4 SUV. CBU-JAPAN

The Suzuki Grand Vitara. Yours for as low as ₱983,000.00*

Avail of 0% interest on selected financing terms and have as long as 72 months to pay on other financing offers. Cash buyers can save as much as P80,000.00. So rush to your nearest dealer now and find out how easy it is to own a Suzuki!

- 20% DP, 12 months or 25% DP, 18 months on Grand Vitara 2.5L V6 AT
- 40% DP, 12 months on Grand Vitara 2.0 MT
- 45% DP, 12 months on Grand Vitara 2.0 AT

* For cash buyers of Grand Vitara M/T

SUZUKI

Subject to BPI Family Bank approval. Promo period is from May 18 - 31, 2005. Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 2797, Series of 2005

Manila

Suzuki Auto EDSA
Pilhino Sales Corporation
EDSA cor. Madison St.,
Mandaluyong City
634-3451 to 57

Suzuki Auto Makati
Heidelberg Motor Corporation
JANNOV Plaza, Chino Roces
Avenue, Makati City
887-8183 to 87

Suzuki Auto Commonwealth
Prince Motor Corporation
43 Commonwealth Ave.,
Quezon City
951-2201 to 10

Suzuki Auto Quezon Avenue
Sunny Motor Sales, Inc.
1143 Quezon Avenue,
Quezon City
374-3911 / 411-2720

Luzon

Suzuki Auto Dagupan
Amianan Motors
National Highway, Ambonao
Calasiao, Pangasinan
(075) 517-1717 / 8888 / 9999

Suzuki Auto Pampanga
Family Cars, Inc.
McArthur Highway, San Agustin
City of San Fernando, Pampanga
(045) 961-7746 / 850-5971

Suzuki Auto Legaspi
Lisam Motors
408 Rizal St., Cabangan,
Legaspi City
(054) 472-3577 / 472-3659

Visayas

Suzuki Auto Bacolod
Automall Motor Sales
Manor Bldg., Araneta St.,
Singcang,
Bacolod City
(034) 435-0268

Mindanao

Suzuki Auto Cagayan de Oro
Anflo Motor Corporation
Mindanao Motor Compound,
Corrales Ave.,
Cagayan de Oro City
(088) 227-26357

Suzuki Auto Davao
Motormall Davao Corporation
Bo. Pampanga, Sasa, Davao City
(082) 233-1140 / 234-0390

Suzuki Auto Zamboanga
Arcel Marketing, Inc.
Veterans Ave. cor
Tomas Claudio St.,
Zamboanga City
(063) 991-1494 / 991-1126

Suzuki Auto Butuan
Sterling Motor Corporation
Narra Road, Butuan City
(085) 342-5885

Fruit juices, fresh and fast.
STANDARD
Juicer Blender

FRIDAY,
MAY 27, 2005

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

ENTERTAINMENT

E-mail: pr_entertainment@inquirer.com.ph

Text us your feedback:
Inquirer ent name/age/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

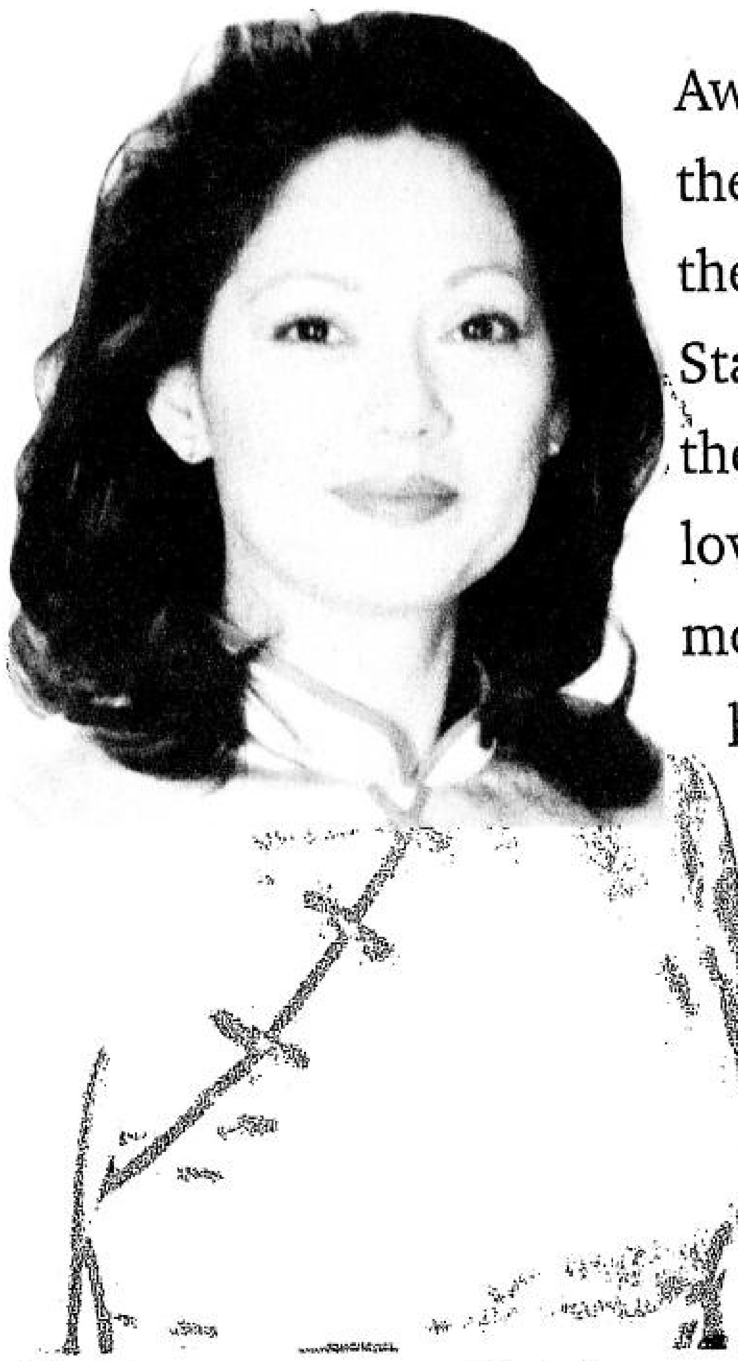
*Editor* Emmie G. Velarde

Love na love mo bang magluto?
STANDARD
Gas Stove

**ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD**
*Ruben V. Nepales*

**WHAT'S INSIDE**

- **The very emotional Renee Zellweger**/A3-1



Away from the cameras, the Diamond Star plays the role she loves best: mother to her kids, Marron and Sebby

# Mama Maricel

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

AWARD-WINNING actress Maricel Soriano couldn't contain her pride and joy, as she broke the news to INQUIRER Entertainment on the eve of her flight to the United States.

"My eldest son, Marron is graduating from high school this month," Mama Maricel volunteered. "His brother Tien and I are flying to the United States to be with him (today, May 27)."

The significance of the day is not lost on the former child star who gave up schooling to embark on a show biz career 34 years ago.

"Of course, I am proud of my son," she said. "All mothers are."

She acknowledged, however, that it's doubly poignant for her. "I'm a mother and father rolled into one. Sometimes I try to suppress my feelings. It's because my children are boys and I don't want to baby them ..."

It's a balancing act, taking care of 18-year-old Marron and 12-year-old Sebastien. "The only time I can relax a bit is when we are having fun."

But as a parent, she takes things in earnest. "I explain things to them as truthfully as I can. As in, I show them the real world. *Kumbaga* we're not in school; this is real life."

Kids being kids, Maricel's boys are usually an endless font of questions.

"They never run out of whys and why nots," she quipped, "especially Tien."

As if realizing something urgent, Mom backtracked suddenly.

"He doesn't want to be called Tien anymore," she said. "He wants to change his nickname. He wants to be called Sebby now."

Yes, the baby is now all grown up.

"That's why I work so hard," she said, referring to her crammed calendar, which last week included tapings for the new ABS-CBN telenovela "Vietnam Rose" and commercial shoots for Alaska Milk.

Mama Maricel turned introspective: "You know, I told myself: 'My children are boys. Eventually, the time will come when they themselves would raise their own families.' As a mother, nothing would make me prouder than seeing my sons independent and self-reliant. *Na kaya nilang magtaguyod ng pamilya* on their own. That is one gift I'll give to them that no one can just take away."

A "cool yet straightforward" mom, Maricel has made sure that her home is off-limits to all sorts of scandalous TV fare.

"I myself don't watch [TV] *e*," she pointed out. "I've been hearing all these rumors [on sex videos and other controversial issues discussed on TV]. I don't entertain bad news like those.

That is precisely the reason that she takes extra caution when she makes show biz pronouncements, whether publicly or privately.

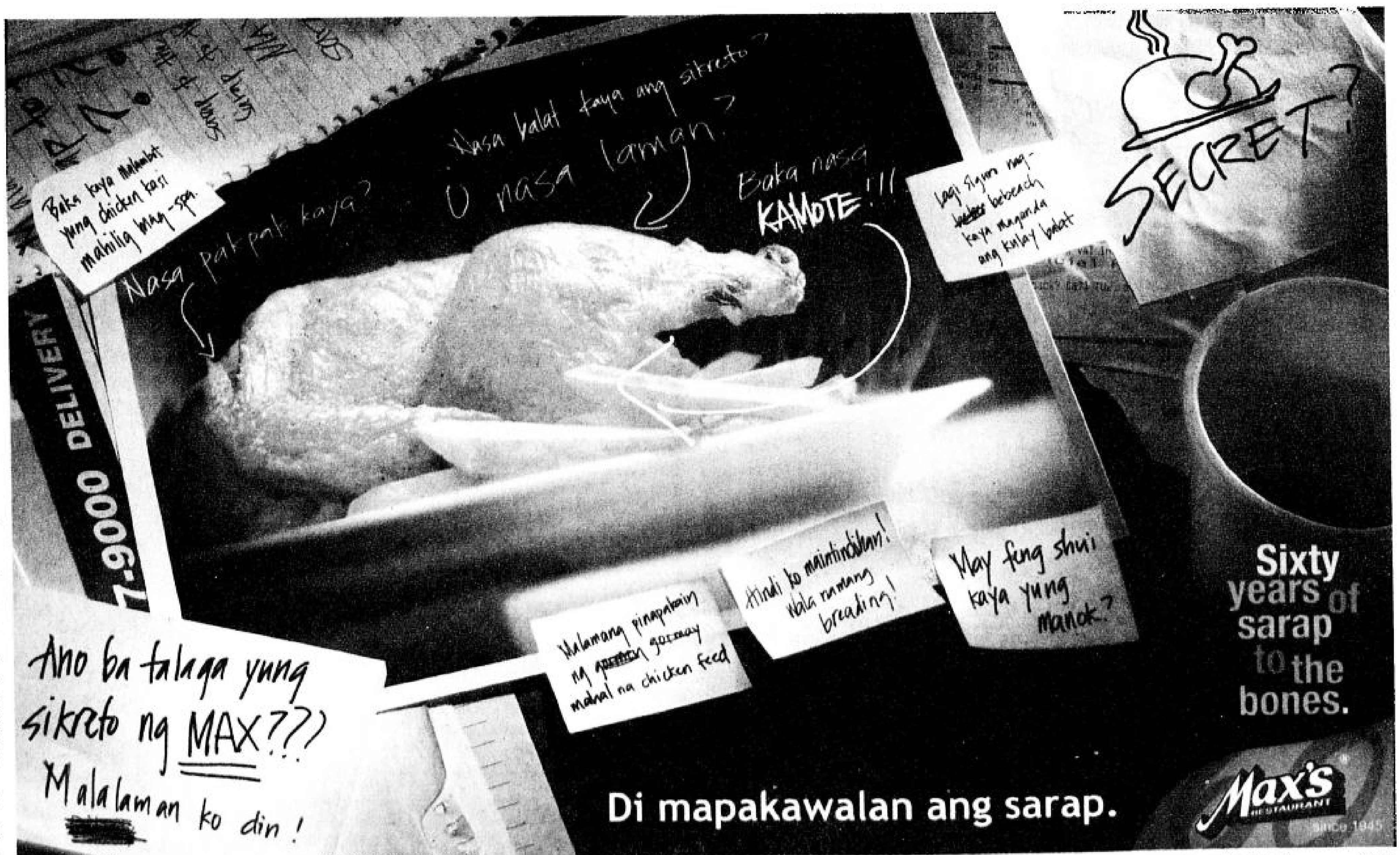
"Every time we want to do or say something, we have to think carefully first because we

MAMA/ A2-2

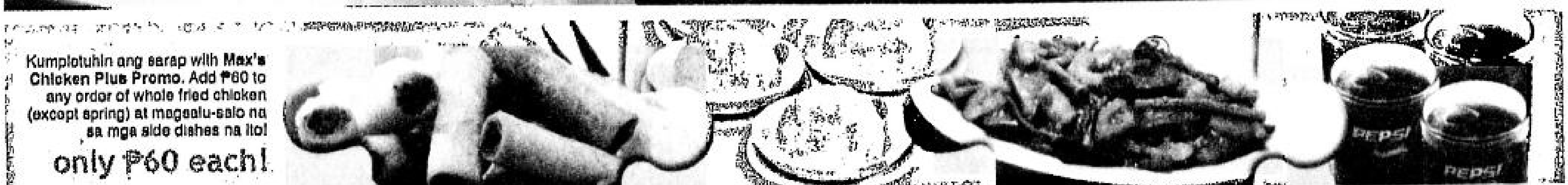
Virgin
Virgin cola
Virgin white
Virgin red
Virgin orange

ADMIT IT.
YOU'VE ALWAYS
WANTED ONE.

DO YOU DARE?


7-9000 DELIVERY
Baka kaya malambot yung chicken kasi mahilig mag-spa.
Nasa pakpak kaya?
Nasa balat kaya ang sikreto?
O nasa laman?
Baka nasa KAMOTE!!!
Lagi siguro nag-beach kaya maganda ang kulay balat
SECRET?
Malamang pinapakain ng ~~[illegible]~~ gourmet mahal na chicken feed
Hindi ko maintindihan! Wala namang breading!
May feng shui kaya yung manok?
Ano ba talaga yung sikreto ng MAX???
Malalaman ko din!
Sixty years of sarap to the bones.
Di mapakawalan ang sarap.
Max's RESTAURANT
since 1945

Kumplotuhin ang sarap with Max's Chicken Plus Promo. Add ₱60 to any order of whole fried chicken (except spring) at magsalu-salo na sa mga side dishes na ito!
only ₱60 each!



Promo period May 24 - June 30, 2005. Not valid for functions, bulk order and with any other promo. Prices are inclusive of 10% VAT and exclusive of 10% delivery charge. Per DTI-NCR Permit no. 2061 series 2005

the PENGUINS are coming to
ROBINSONS MOVIEWORLD
have your pictures taken with the
cute and cuddly PENGUINS of
MADAGASCAR
MAY 19 -- ERMITA
MAY 22 -- GALLERIA
MAY 30 -- NOVALICHES
MAY 31 -- GALLERIA
JUNE 02 -- ERMITA
JUNE 03 -- GALLERIA
Catch them at 5:00 PM - Cinema Lobby
in theaters MAY 27
released through Solar Entertainment Corporation.

MMTA
METRO MANILA THEATERS ASSOCIATION
MOVIE GUIDE
NOW SHOWING

**SHANG CINEPLEX**
6th floor Shangri-la Plaza EDSA corner Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City
Telephone: 633 2227 / 6337851 loc. 171
1 (DOLBY) MADAGASCAR GP
2 (DOLBY) STAR WARS III GP
3 (DOLBY) HOUSE OF WAX R13
4 (DOLBY) MADAGASCAR GP
PREMIÈRE
(DOLBY) STAR WARS III GP

**CINEMA 2000**
Cinema 2000 Waltermart Makati
Waltermart Center, Chino Roces Ave. cor. Antonio Arnaiz Pio del Pilar, Makati City
Tel 816.4214 / 816.4216
1 STARWARS: EPISODE-3
2 UNLEASHED
3 LA VISA LOCA
4 HOUSE OF WAX

**SUPER CINERAMA**
Isetann Cinerama Complex Recto
tel 733.4238
1 (DOLBY) RESERVED
2 RESERVED
3 RESERVED
4 RESERVED
5 RESERVED

**Masagana CINEMA**
(Pasay) tel 833.3290 / 833.3274
1 LA VISA LOCA
2 STARWARS: EPISODE-3
3 UNLEASHED

**starmall Movies**
www.clickthecity.com.ph
(Mandaluyong) tel 724.4986
1 RESERVED
2 RESERVED
3 LA VISA LOCA
4 (DOLBY DIGITAL EX) UNLEASHED
5 STARWARS: EPISODE-3

**METROPOLIS star**
www.clickthecity.com.ph
(Alabang) tel 850.4285
1 UNLEASHED
2 LA VISA LOCA
3 RESERVED
4 RESERVED
5 (DOLBY) STARWARS: EPISODE-3
6 HOUSE OF WAX

**starmall Movies**
www.clickthecity.com.ph
(Las Pinas) tel (047) 237.7007
1 (DOLBY) XXX-2 THE NEXT LEVEL
2 RESERVED

**Filinvest FESTIVAL CINEMA**
(Muntinlupa) tel 850.3571 or 72
1 (SDS) KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
2 (SDDS) STARWARS: EPISODE-3
3 (DTS) STARWARS: EPISODE-3
4 GOLD (DTS) STARWARS: EPISODE-3
5 GOLD (DOLBY) HOUSE OF WAX
6 GOLD (SDDS) MADAGASCAR
7 GOLD (DOLBY) UNLEASHED
8 [illegible] LA VISA LOCA
9 [illegible] BIKINI OPEN
10 [illegible] AMITYVILL HORROR

**Araneta Center CINEMA GUIDE**
For Inquiries Pls. Call TICKETNET 911-5555
GATEWAY CINEPLEX 10
Level 4, Gateway Mall
The First and Only Real Cineplex in the Philippines!
ALL THEATERS IN DOLBY EX ULTRA SOUND, FULL STADIUM SEATING AND EXCLUSIVE VISTA COMPUTER TICKET SYSTEM GUARANTEED SEATS, NO STANDING ROOM.
LA VISA LOCA
BIKINI OPEN
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
HOUSE OF WAX
AMITYVILLE HORROR
STAR WARS - EPISODE III
UNLEASHED
MADAGASCAR

ALI MALL CINEMAS
1 STAR WARS - EPISODE III
2 LA VISA LOCA
3 UNLEASHED
4 HOUSE OF WAX
5 AMITYVILLE HORROR

**MARKETPLACE**
Mandaluyong
tel 533.3851 / 533.3856
1 STARWARS: EPISODE-3
2 BIKINI OPEN
3 LA VISA LOCA
4 RESERVED

**Universal**
(Manila) tel 733.2470
1 STARWARS: EPISODE-3

**Jade Cinema**
(Angeles City) tel (045) 887.5001 to 03
1 (DOLBY EX) STARWARS: EPISODE-3
2 LA VISA LOCA
3 (DTS EX) MADAGASCAR
4 IN GOOD COMPANY

**Cine Nepo**
(Angeles City) tel (045) 887.0121
1 STARWARS: EPISODE-3
2 LA VISA LOCA
3 (DOLBY) IN GOOD COMPANY
4 (DTS) MADAGASCAR

**Cine Nepo**
(Dagupan City) tel (075) 515.8489
1 KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
2 LA VISA LOCA
3 (DOLBY) SAMARA (RING -2)
4 (DTS) XXX-2 THE NEXT LEVEL

**Centre Plaza Cinema**
(Balanga, Bataan) tel (047) 237.7007
1 BIKINI OPEN
2 GUESS WHO

**EASTWOOD CINEMAS**
(Eastwood City Walk 2, Eastwood City E. Rodriguez Jr. Ave (C-5) Quezon City)
tel 687.6963 or 72
1 (DOLBY) STARWARS: EPISODE-3
2 (DOLBY) MADAGASCAR
3 (DOLBY) STARWARS: EPISODE-3
4 (DOLBY) HOUSE OF WAX

**CINEMA 2000**
Movie Theatres of the New Millenium

Cinema 2000 Waltermart
(Calamba) tel (049) 545.7383
1 LA VISA LOCA
2 (DTS) STARWARS: EPISODE-3
3 (DOLBY) MADAGASCAR
4 RING OF NIBELUNGS

Cinema 2000 Pavilion Mall
(Biñan) tel (049) 411.1146
1 LA VISA LOCA
2 (DOLBY) RING OF NIBELUNGS
3 (DTS) STARWARS: EPISODE-3
4 MADAGASCAR

Cinema 2000 Cinemagix
(Urdaneta) tel(075) 568.6771
1 LA VISA LOCA
2 BIKINI OPEN
3 (DOLBY) KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Cinema 2000 Metrotown
(Tarlac) tel (045) 982.1729
1 THE INTERPRETER
2 BIKINI OPEN
3 (DOLBY) XXX-2 THE NEXT LEVEL
4 (DTS) KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Cinema 2000 Waltermart
(Plaridel) tel (044) 795.3320
1 STARWARS: EPISODE-3
2 LA VISA LOCA
3 (DOLBY) BIKINI OPEN

**Lianas Cinema**
(Alabang) tel 850.1276
1 (SDDS) DECOY
2 BIKINI OPEN
3 SINFULNIGHT
4 (DTS) KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

**Lianas MovieCity**
(Calamba) tel (049) 545.7202
1 (DOLBY) STARWARS: EPISODE-3
2 LA VISA LOCA
3 (DTS) RING OF NIBELONG
4 BIKINI OPEN
5 MADAGASCAR

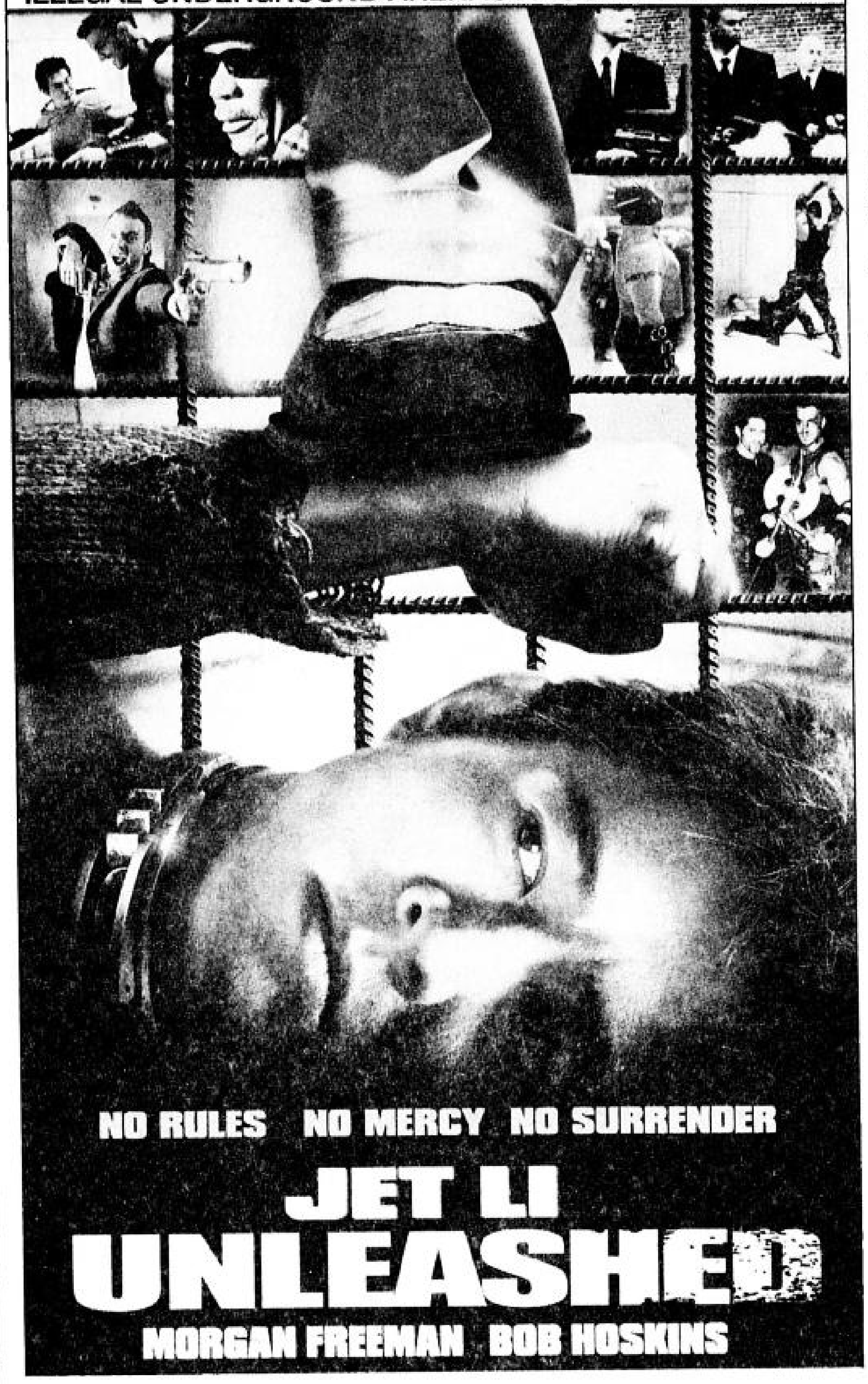
**Mega Center Mall**
(Cabanatuan City) tel (044) 463.3283
1 TTHE INTERPRETER
2 WEDDING DATE
3 (DTS) LA VISA LOCA
4 (DOLBY) BIKINI OPEN

**Fiesta World Mall**
(Lipa) tel (043) 981.0790
1 LA VISA LOCA
2 ONG BAK
3 WEDDING DATE
4 STARWARS: EPISODE-3

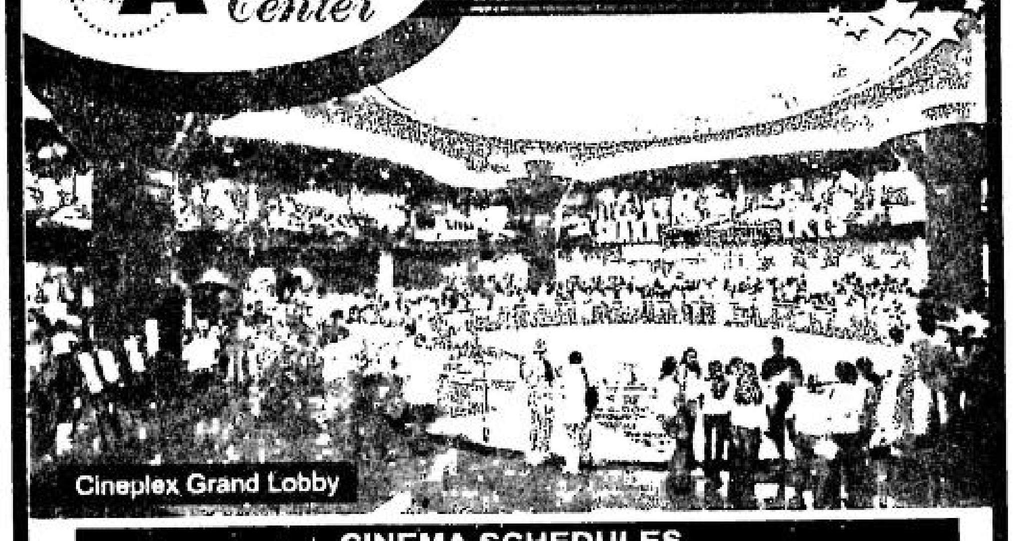
**Berma Cinema**
(Baclaran) tel 879.2030 / 879.2029
1 UNLEASHED
2 HIRAM

MOVIES / SCHEDULES / PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE

NOW SHOWING
MTRCB RATING ▶ R-13 STRICTLY FOR 13 YEARS OF AGE AND UP
WITNESS FOR THE FIRST TIME
HUMAN COCKFIGHTING
NO RULES "MAN-TO-MAN" COMBAT STAGED IN ILLEGAL UNDERGROUND ARENAS AROUND THE WORLD



Araneta Center Leisure Guide



CINEMA SCHEDULES

Gateway CINEPLEX*10
LEVEL 4, GATEWAY MALL
The Country's Largest Cinema With The Widest Screen
DOLBY DIGITAL-EX
ONLY P99 ADMISSION • P120 RESERVED SEATS

FOR INQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL TICKETNET AT 911-5555

LA VISA LOCA
12:30 / 2:45 / 5:00 / 7:15 / 9:30

BIKINI OPEN
1:00 / 3:40 / 6:20 / 9:00

KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
12:40 / 3:40 / 6:40 / 9:40

HOUSE OF WAX
1:50 / 4:20 / 6:50 / 9:20

AMITYVILLE HORROR
12:30 / 2:40 / 4:50 / 7:00 / 9:10

STAR WARS - EPISODE III
11:50 / 12:50 / 1:10 / 2:50 / 3:50 / 4:10
5:50 / 6:50 / 7:10 / 8:50 / 9:50 / 10:10

UNLEASHED
12:10 / 2:30 / 4:50 / 7:10 / 9:30

MADAGASCAR

GLOBE PLATINUM CINEMA
Pre-Opening Screenings P 249 / P299
STAR WARS - EPISODE III
12:30 / 3:30 / 6:30 / 9:30

ALI MALL CINEMAS

❶ STAR WARS - EPISODE III
11:50 / 2:50 / 5:50 / 8:50

❷ LA VISA LOCA
11:20 / 1:35 / 3:50 / 6:05/ 8:20

❸ UNLEASHED
11:25 / 1:45 / 4:05 / 6:25 / 8:45

❹ HOUSE OF WAX
12:40 / 3:10 / 5:40 / 8:10

❺ AMITYVILLE HORROR
11:20 / 1:30 / 3:40 / 5:50 / 8:00

DOLBY DIGITAL dts SDDS

ARANETA COLISEUM EVENTS

2005 PBA FIESTA CONFERENCE *May 27*
*4:45pm San Miguel vs. Fedex / 7:35pm Talk N Text vs. Ginebra*

TM ASTIG: THE PBA GREATEST GAME *May 28*
*5pm Induction 6pm TM Legends vs. TM Halaw*

16th FIBA ASIA CHAMPIONS CUP
*May 29* 12:30 I R Iran vs Lebanon / 2:45pm Kuwait vs Syria
6:00pm Philippines vs India / 8:15pm UAE vs Jordan
*May 30* 12:30pm Qatar vs UAE / 2:45pm India vs I R Iran
5:00pm Jordan vs Kuwait / 7:15pm Kazakhstan vs Philippines

CENTER EVENTS

| | |
|---|---|
| ALI MALL | *So Shoe Me: The Mother Of All Shoe Festivals featuring a mallwide shoe fair, Imelda Shoe Exhibit and RP's first giant "shoe-on-wheels" ongoing until June 15.* |
| FARMERS PLAZA | *Back-To-School Fair with big, big discounts on everything you'll need for the new school year ongoing until June 15 at the Lower Ground Floor Activity Area.* |
| GATEWAY MALL | *Cool Jazz Cool Classics featuring performances by Buhay with Tots Tolentino, Shanice Michaels and Brass Munkeys on May 27, 28 and 29 at the Gateway Pavilion.* |

LOG ON TO www.aranetacenter.net FOR MORE DETAILS OR TO SUBSCRIBE TO OUR WEEKLY E-MAIL ENTERTAINMENT UPDATES

KITCHIE Nadal onstage wi

# Pinoy like K

By Eline Santos

KITCHIE Nadal won over a tight race as the celebr kids would most like to be.

Over 1,500 kids 15 yea low voted online for th elodeon Kids' Choice Aw the Nickelodeon websi more made their choic text messages. The awa Wannabe Award, along and games, was held on NBC Tent in Fort Bonifaci

### Happily surprised

Kitchie said she was prised that kids had ch cause she believed it was that related to her songs.

Asked why she thou Kitchie replied, "Maybe young? I don't know."

Kitchie may wonder b ers do not. Marick Dacan a 15-year-old fan who picked from the audience sing "Same Ground" w her idol during the awa rites, said it was Kitch sound that made her a w ner.

"Same Ground" is her vorite song, said Marick former cast member of A CBN's "Epol Apple." She plained: "I like the song cause it has a nice sou and the voice of Kitc Nadal is just beautiful."

She said she also liked song "Huwag na Huwag."

Kitchie may have won Award but her advice to yourself. That's the only

Other winners of the Hilary Duff as Favorite A second year straight) and as Favorite Music Ma

# Mama M

should be responsible not o our own children, but also f er kids who are watching shows and movies. That's o gation [as actors and celebri

As a mom, she admitte could only do so much to her own kids from negative ences.

"Sometimes it cannot be ed. They wouldn't grow if yo tect them all the time. Ye can't be there always, bu should explain everythi them. So they know what when they're on their own, they're with friends and mates."

Parenting entails "endle planation," she pointed out.

"Often I sound like a record," she said, laughing.

Undoubtedly, Maricel th chose her latest TV drama nam Rose" because it re around familial bond test toughened up by all sorts o lations.

"It is both relevant and ing," Maricel said of her firs into soap opera.

"It tells the story of paren children," she said. teenagers can relate to about coping. About sur How to complete somethin you didn't even know wa ken."

She found the role chall for several reasons.

The first hurdle is the grind. "When you make mo drama anthologies [as I did years], once you've read the you know the story already. this soap, I get to discove twists every week!"

Secondly, she is playing one who is "suppressed worlds away from the real

BEST COPY AVAILABLE

th. 15-year-old fan Marick Dacanay

# kids want to be more itchie than Angel

CHEER FACTOR

ngel Locsin in
ity that Pinoy

rs old and be-
e 18th Nick-
ards through
e, and 700
s known via
rding for the
ide fun and
Sunday at the
Global City.

happily sur-
osen her be-
older people

ht she won,
ecause I look

ut her admir-
ay,
vas.
to
ith
ds
e's
in-
fa-
a
S-
x-
e-
nd
ie
he
the Wannabe
kids is: "Be
ay to go."
inoy vote are
tress (for the
Avril Lavigne
er." "Lemony

JETT Pangan: Idol!

Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events" won the Favorite Book Award in the US vote, but "Harry Potter" still ruled as Pinoy kids' favorite read. "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" was also the local top choice for Favorite Film.

MS WANNABE with the Orange Blimp

## Los Angeles event

Giving voice to their choice, 15 million American kids earlier voted in the Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards via website and text messaging.

The live telecast in April 2 attracted 5.2 million viewers in the United States. The show will be aired in the Philippines on June 12.

"American Idol" won as favorite TV show edging out nominees like "Lizzie McGuire" and "Fear Factor." While Paula Abdul, Randy Jackson and Ryan Seacrest also went on stage to receive their Orange Blimp trophy, the one who looked most pleased to receive the kids' stamp of approval was "Mr. Nasty" himself, Simon Cowell.

LOOK, Luke (Mejares!)

"SpongeBob SquarePants" won as Favorite Cartoon for the third time in a row while "The Incredibles" bagged the Favorite Movie award.

Will Smith was named "Favorite Voice from an Animated Movie" for his performance in "Shark Tale."

Hilary Duff was the choice for Favorite Movie Actress ("A Cinderella Story") while previous Wannabe winner Adam Sandler bagged this year's Favorite Movie Actor for his performance in "50 First Dates."

Green Day, Avril Lavigne and Usher won as Favorite Music Group, Female Singer, and Male Singer respectively, with Usher bagging another Orange Blimp for "Burn" as the kids' favorite song.

For the ability to rotate his eyeballs in different directions, Jamie Foxx took home the award for a brand new category, "Celebrity Hidden Talent." Other winners include Raven ("That's so Raven") for Favorite TV Actress, Romeo (Romeo!) for Favorite TV Actor, Tony Hawk for Favorite Athlete and "Shrek 2" for favorite video game.

Queen Latifah won the highest honor, the Wannabe Award—just like Kitchie Nadal.

# Maricel

From page A2-1

nly for
or oth-
ur TV
r obli-
ies]."
l, she
shield
influ-
avoid-
u pro-
, you
t you
g to
to do
when
class-
ss ex-
roken
mom
"Viet-
volves
l and
tribu-
nspir-
foray
s and
"Even
t. It's
iving,
g that
s bro-
nging
daily
ies or
tor 10
script,
But on
new
some-
and
Mari-
cel.

On "Vietnam Rose," she's Nguyen Dang Thiem Yeu, a refugee adopted by Filipinos and rechristened Carina Mojica de la Cerna.

"She keeps things to herself," she said. "As a child, she traveled by boat from Vietnam to the Philippines."

For the role, Maricel and screen sister Angelica Panganiban learned to speak Vietnamese.

"We have a language coach on the set," she added.

In "Mano Po 1," she grappled with Chinese. In "Vietnam Rose," she is wrestling with Vietnamese.

What's next?

"Nippongo," she cracked. "I want to play a Japanese woman next time!"

HAPPY Together: Sebby, Mama Mary and Marron

# No principles

VIEWFINDER

*Nestor U. Torre*

AFTER we came out with our "defense" of **Nora Aunor** and our advance word on the new book written about her ("Si Nora sa mga Noranian—Mga Paggunita at Pagtatapat), some people contacted us and joshed that we had finally revealed that we were a closet Noranian.

We readily admitted to the "exposé." We pointed out that we had worked with Nora in the movies and on TV, and had in fact been a part of a rather "passionate" part of her life (more, we cannot say), so we knew her rather well.

By that, we meant both her admirable and less admirable aspects—but we had decided early on to take the bad with the good, so we were definitely a Noranian.

But, we hastened to add, we were also a Vilmanian! How did that come to pass?

Well, we had also worked with **Vilma Santos** on several films, and again, we got to know her well enough to decide that, all told, we liked her and her talent, and were thus prepared to boost her on pretty much a permanent basis.

So, we're both a Noranian and a Vilmanian!

That's why some of our friends jeer, "You have no principles!" Well, guess not!

But that could be because our attitude regarding stars isn't based on the usual fan-idol connection. We admire stars not for their personal qualities, but for their exceptional performances. And most people would probably agree that Nora and Vilma are among our best screen thespians, so our admiration for them as actors is definitely not misplaced.

Yes, Vilma is more reliable and less complicated than Nora, but Nora's unpredictability or unreliability is sometimes "attractive" because it imbues her with a sense of risk and edge.

This permeates even her performances, which are generally less predictable and more instinctive and daring that Vilma's. On the other hand, Vilma's more structured and plotted approach sometimes enables her to come up with more focused, textured and thematically insightful performances.

This contrast between their differing thespic approaches is best seen in the few movies they did together—in particular, Ishmael Bernal's "Ikaw Ay Akin."

In the film, Nora and Vilma's characters found themselves involved in a menage a trois, with the masculine fulcrum provided by **Christopher de Leon.**

Bernal made Nora more grounded than Vilma, who was made to come across as hyperactive and emotionally vulnerable. Right away, this disparity required differing "attacks" that were driven by each actress' strengths: Nora's "silent waters run deep" projection, and Vilma's more modern, livelier demeanor.

But, true to his "ornery" creative bent, Bernal daringly leveled the playing field, so to speak, by situating them in a long sequence in which both of them said nary a word, yet finally get through to each other.

That dual thespic achievement, warmed the cockles of both the Vilmanian and the Noranian in us!

For the record, our utter lack of fan "principles" has made us a devout acolyte of still other Filipino acting greats—**Vic Silayan, Tita Muñoz, Jose Mari Avellana,** to name just three. Yes, they aren't big stars, but their thespic stature, range and depth surpasses their current fame, or lack of it.

## 'One Missed Call, 2'

FROM Japanese filmmaker **Renpei Tsukamoto** comes "One Missed Call, 2," the sequel to the terrifying 2004 thriller. In the continuing story about a curse transmitted through the victim's cell phone, a reporter investigates the curse's origins as the second wave of deaths hits.

The sequel stars **Yu Yoshizawa, Renji Ishibashi, Mimula,** Haruko **Wanibuchi** and **Asaka Seto.**

## 'V for vendetta'

**HUGO** Weaving, the actor who played Agent Smith in the "Matrix" trilogy, has joined the cast of the Wachowski brothers' action-thriller, "V for Vendetta."

He stars as the title character V, opposite **Natalie Portman,** who plays Evey.

In the film, Evey is rescued by a masked vigilante known only as V. He ignites a revolution when he detonates two London landmarks and takes over the government-controlled airwaves, urging his fellow citizens to rise up against tyranny and oppression.

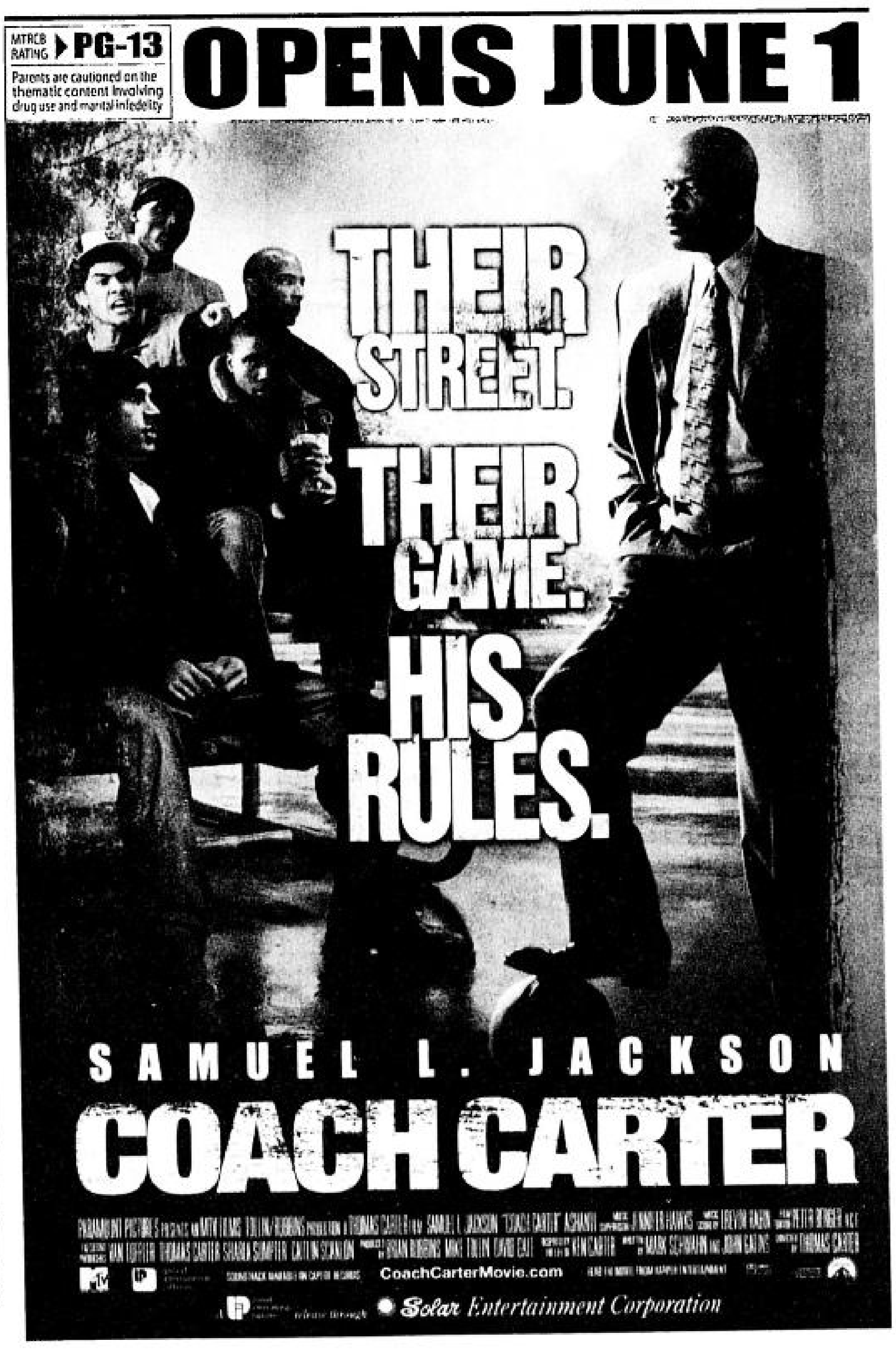
The production is the screen version of the graphic novel by **Alan Moore** and illustrator **David Lloyd,** originally compiled by DC Comics as a 10-part series in 1988.

## 'Here We Go'

SOUL Control became an international dance sensation with the smash hit, "Chocolate." Now, the duo made up of **Tom** and **Leo** has released its album, "Here We Go."

A single from the album, "Boogaloo," is steadily climbing the charts. The dance craze is taking TV shows like "ASAP Mania" and "Wowowee" by storm. A "Boogaloo-Booga-love" dance contest started on "MRS" on May 17.

The "Here We Go" album also features dance cuts like "Baila Loclo," "La Bamba Inglesa" and "Cha Cha Cha Bum Bum Bang Bang."


MTRCB RATING ▶ PG-13
Parents are cautioned on the thematic content involving drug use and marital infedelity
OPENS JUNE 1
THEIR STREET.
THEIR GAME.
HIS RULES.
SAMUEL L. JACKSON
COACH CARTER
CoachCarterMovie.com
Solar Entertainment Corporation

In bloom for a Mayflower Festivity!
Mayflower Festival at Greenhills Shopping Center. Blooming from May 13 to June 5, 2005.
Everything is blooming this May at GSC. An array of gardening needs is arranged for a festival. With stalls of plants and flowers to choose from, complete with gardening products and landscape contractors to help beautify your home and garden. Then shop at the usual 1,000 stalls of bags, shoes, and accessories, while kids enjoy the food and entertainment choices. Enjoy the blossoms this May at the Mayflower Festival at GSC!
GREENHILLS SHOPPING CENTER
ORTIGAS & COMPANY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
www.greenhills.com.ph

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Star power in endorsements

IN A popular radio commercial, a girl proudly declares her fondest dream. Not to be a doctor, not to be a lawyer, not to be president of the republic.

She wants to be just like *Ate* Shawie when she grows up—not an award-winning "drama actress" but to be a "commercial star," earning big bucks.

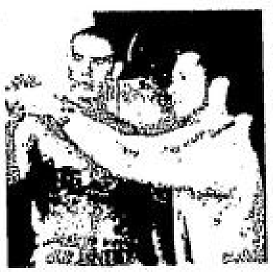
Indeed, these days—when local movies are few and far between—celebrity power is also measured in terms of the number of TV ads one stars in, and billboards that carry one's face.

That's fan loyalty translated to brand preference. And the search never ends.

### Christian Bautista for Greenwich

"I want to be a role model especially to the youth who look up to me and emulate what I do," says the singer, Greenwich's latest endorser. "I know I can help guide them in my own simple way, encourage them to follow their dreams, inspire them to focus on their family, persuade them to be good role models themselves."

### John Hall for Revicon I-ON



John Hall, a professional model, is the new image model for the energy drink Revicon I-ON.

"You have to find pleasure in keeping fit so it becomes part of your life," says John. The budding businessman admits that modeling is his passion. "Trying to make money in business and maybe help others in the process is one thing, but the fashion scene ... gives me another kind of thrill."

### Suzi Entrata for Kyowa

Suzi Entrata—host of GMA 7's early morning talk show, "Unang Hirit"— is Kyowa Home and Kitchen Appliances first-ever celebrity mom/endorser.

She loves doing "Hirit," Suzi says. "It's ideal because I'm done before noon and I have more time for my kids." The schedule allows her to do errands, lunch with friends and still get to spend time with husband Paolo Abrera and their two daughters. She does dream of having her own talk show or public service program.

"But I'm not in a hurry, never in a hurry," Suzi stresses. "I'm always grateful for the work that I have now, and if ever [that other] show comes to me, that would be super."

In an official statement, Kyowa management said Suzi "embodies the ideal young working woman who strikes a perfect balance between home and career."

In turn, Suzi says Kyowa is a brand that she truly believes in.

### Iya Villania for Modess

Iya Villania, 19-year-old beauty from Australia, is a Myx VJ and a TV game show host. She was also in "Aishite Imasu (Mahal Kita) 1941." Now she is the newest endorser of Modess.

"This (Modess) is definitely a good product. I used to use a different napkin, but now that I've switched to Modess, I don't think I'll ever switch back. I feel so much more comfortable."

### Next for CloseUp?

CloseUp ads have launched many young endorsers' show biz careers. The toothpaste brand is putting together a new campaign, and is looking for the next "CloseUp Smile" face.

Mariel Rodriguez was the pretty young girl in the CloseUp Eucalyptus ad with Luis Manzano two years ago. She says selection all boils down to a beautiful smile. "That's not necessarily the same as being pretty. I have to say that it comes from being beautiful inside."

Award-winning Dennis Trillo was "very proud" to have been a CloseUp boy. His advice to the hopefuls: "It isn't so much about good looks. For me, it's about the smile—there must be that special glow."

(If you're between 18 and 23 years old and have what it takes, download an application form from www.closeupplanet.com. Submit the form along with other requirements until tomorrow and Sunday in Metro Manila; and on June 4 and 5 in Cebu, Davao and Naga City.)

## Salute to Nora Aunor

**DOLLY WOOD**

*Dolly Ann Carvajal*

NORA Aunor's first hearing in Los Angeles for alleged drug possession, originally set this week, has been postponed. As I wrote in a previous column, La Aunor watched me grow, and in a way I watched her "grow" in turn. It's because Ate Guy and my mom go back a long way. Even now that my mom is gone, I'm sure she will find a way to make Guy feel her support during this ultimate crisis.

Guy has weathered many storms. I remember how helpless, like a kid, she can be at times. For instance, when a bunch of *colegialas* were interviewing her in hifalutin' English, she pretended that she lost her voice and motioned to my mom to help her answer the questions. She knows what she's not good at, and this makes her all the more admirable. That was just a simple interview for a school paper. What more now that she stands to be cross-examined by American lawyers?

We ought to salute her for putting up such a brave front. The Superstar knows in her heart that she owes the Filipino public that much. Amid her trials she still managed to have a series of successful shows in the United States. The show must go on. So does her life. But where does she go from here? She celebrated her birthday five days ago. Turning a year older makes one look back and also look forward. Hopefully, Guy has learned what she has to.

### Sexy films next?

NOW that **Paolo Bediones** has paraded in his undergarments in the well-attended "C Show" at the Big Dome, does it mean that he will next make sexy movies? (He was in a Sharon-Aga movie some months back.) He can give some sexy actors a run for their money, too, if he wanted, but knowing Pao, he would stick to TV hosting. Maybe he just believes in trying everything once. After the "C show" Pao heaved a sigh of relief, "I've survived the biggest challenge of my life!" But when, oh when, will the elusive bachelor find the biggest love of his life?

### Just asking

COULD it be true that **JC Parker** is having **Danilo Barrios'** baby? Her camp has denied that she's infanticipating.

Is **John Pratts** courting Coca Cola girl **Nikki Gil**? Will she give him her heart as freely as she gives away soft drinks in her TV ad?

Could it be true that **Kristine Hermosa** is watching over her boyfriend **Diether Ocampo** like a hawk on the set of "Bora" because Diet is smitten with his costar **Pauline Luna**?

### Reader's corner

Hi Dolly,

For a TV station that claims to be "Kabarkada Mo," Studio 23 is not considerate towards viewers.

Recently my friends and I watched the prime time telecast of the "Survivor: Palau" finale. We were shocked to hear the VJ announce the winner before the start of the program! We had stayed away from the Internet so as not to know the winner beforehand [and] lessen the viewing pleasure.

It was not the first time that Studio 23 did that. They also once announced the "Survivor" results during the newscast preceding it, and while covering the "Survivor" party. Sure, the prime time telecast [is] a lot later than real-time airing. But I think it's common sense that the [main] target viewers of the later telecast are those who have not seen the earlier one, so it should not be presumed that [they] already know the results. I hope Studio 23 will stop doing this; otherwise, they will lose all their "barkada."

Name withheld upon request

### Erratum

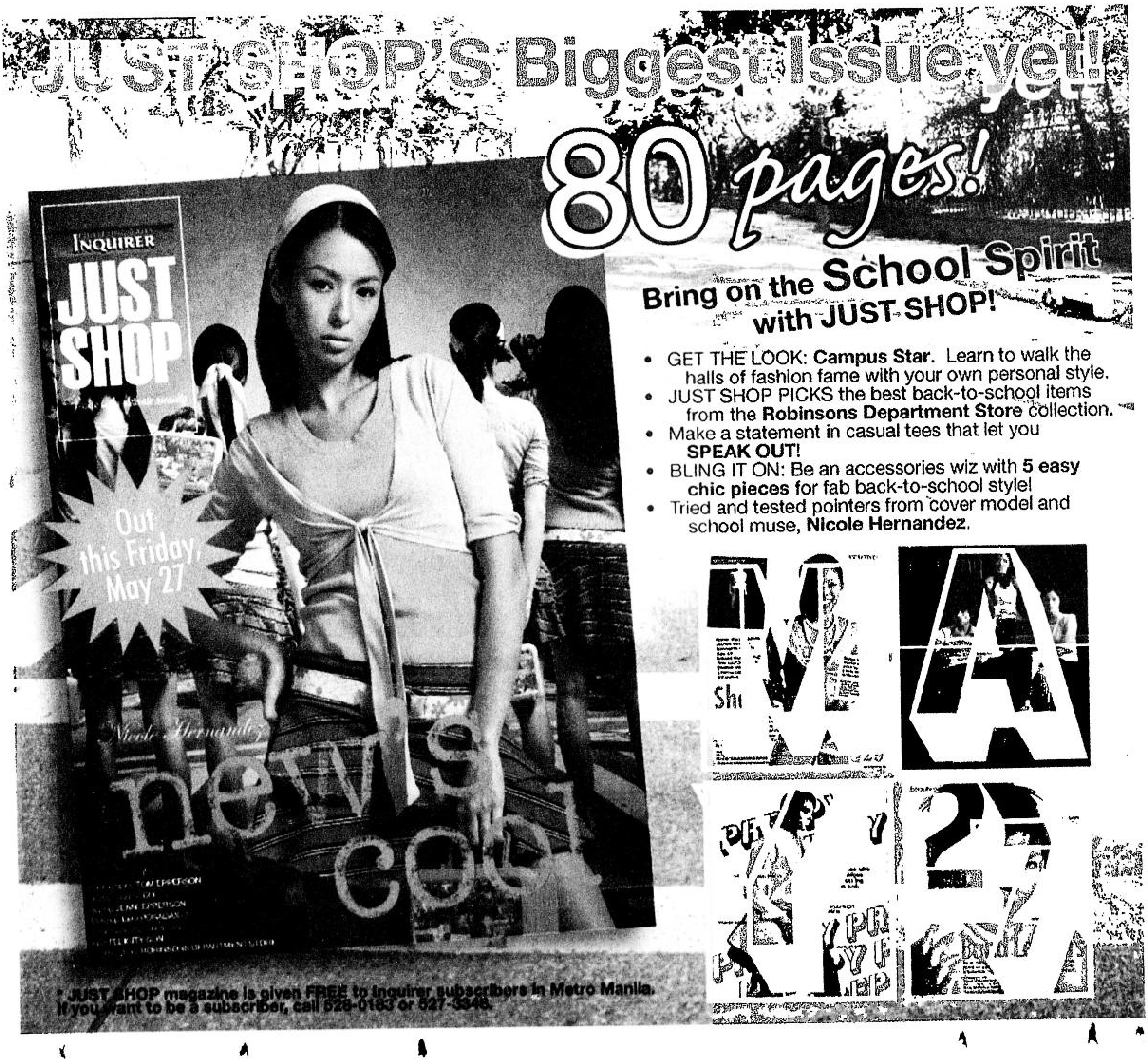
IN MY Tuesday column, I wrote that **Stella Marquez Araneta** asked Colombian designer **Osmel Soza** to make the gown of Bb. Pilipinas Gionna Cabrera for the Ms. Universe pageant. It's **Alfredo Barazza**, not **Osmel Soza**. Mea culpa! Soza owns a charm school in Venezuela. Gionna was chosen to be one of 15 candidates to model for Queen Sirikit's fashion show in Bangkok. That's a pretty good indication that she may land in the magic circle during the pageant. Wouldn't her victory be sweeter if she proudly wears a Pinoy-designed gown?

### Personals

MERCI Beaucuop to **Fanny Serrano** and his efficient staff, especially my newfound friend **Beth Tagalicud**, and **Ms Ellen**, **Ms Elvie** and **Ms Malu** for giving me a new glow.

For me, Fanny is unequalled in his field and in the friendship department, too.

*(For feedback, e-mail wateringholeshangrila@yahoo.com or dollyanne@truefaithband.com)*



JUST SHOP'S Biggest Issue yet!

80 pages!

Bring on the School Spirit with JUST SHOP!

- GET THE LOOK: **Campus Star.** Learn to walk the halls of fashion fame with your own personal style.
- JUST SHOP PICKS the best back-to-school items from the **Robinsons Department Store** collection.
- Make a statement in casual tees that let you **SPEAK OUT!**
- BLING IT ON: Be an accessories wiz with **5 easy chic pieces** for fab back-to-school style!
- Tried and tested pointers from cover model and school muse, **Nicole Hernandez.**

Out this Friday, May 27

• JUST SHOP magazine is given FREE to Inquirer subscribers in Metro Manila. If you want to be a subscriber, call 526-0183 or 527-3348.

# The very emotional Renee Zellweger

Photos By Lisa Yan Lu

**ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD**
*Ruben V. Nepales*

LOS ANGELES—A recent afternoon of two separate press cons with Oscar and Golden Globe .winners Russell Crowe and Renee Zellweger was easily among the most interesting and most memorable encounters with stars that I've had in a while.

The two A-listers are appearing together for the first time in "Cinderella Man" which, along with "Crash," are among the best films I've seen so far this year. Russell, director Ron Howard, writer Akiva Goldsman and producer Brian Grazer, who all won Oscars for "A Beautiful Mind," including Best Picture, reunited to make another potential contender in the next awards season. The film is based on the true story of Jim Braddock, who becomes a boxer out of desperation to feed his family in 1930s Depression era New York.

## First post-nuptials

It was Renee's first press con after her surprise wedding to country music star Kenny Chesney. She was giddy, emotional and charmingly spontaneous. On the other hand, in our press con with Russell, who described himself as "irascible" to "Cinderella Man" co-star Paul Giamatti (according to a Premiere story), the Australian superstar showed why he has a reputation for being mercurial. So, while laughter and joyful tears marked our interview with Renee, our session with Russell was fraught with tension.

Let's begin with our encounter with Renee, during which a box of Kleenex had to be passed on to her because the actress still seemed to be on an emotional high after her May 9 wedding in the US Virgin Islands. Boxes of tissue paper were reportedly passed around, too, at the nuptials.

Before the press con began, our group presented a wedding congratulations card and a vase of flowers to Renee. She was clearly touched by the gesture. That set the tone of our rambling interview with the genuinely sweet actress.

"Thank you so much," Renee said after reading the card. "God, I am so touched. I'm going to cry or something (she laughed, and then started crying). Thank you. It's like I'm at a party. I guess this is my first one." The actress, who is blonde again, alternately laughed and cried or did both at the same time virtually throughout the press con.

## 'Very moved'

Asked to describe what it was like to find her soul mate (who is 37) and what has changed since, the 36-year-old star gushed, "Wow. To be really honest with you, I don't know if I've had enough time to really sit down and sort of absorb it enough to articulate it in any way that might be meaningful. So when I see you next time, I could probably tell you a little bit better about what's changed and all that stuff. I'm really happy. I don't quite know what to say because it's just one of those things that I want to protect and I don't want to cheapen it in any way. I'm very moved by this."

It was no surprise to hear Renee say that she digs country music. After all, she was raised in Texas. "I haven't been a closet fan," she declared. "I've had 93.9 (a country music station) plugged into memory on every radio that I've owned since I moved to Los Angeles 11 or 12 years ago. The minute I got here, I grabbed onto that (country music preference) more than ever. Oh yeah, I grew up with it around me. It was part of my experience. It has always been there, so I never thought of myself simply as a fan. It was part of my life."

## Trailer home?

What else does the star of the "Bridget Jones" movies like about Kenny, aside from the fact that he is cute, a female colleague asked. "Oh, my God," Renee exclaimed and giggled. "That's another interview, another time. The list is long, I'll tell you that."

Since she is a busy Hollywood star who also plans to spend time in her newly bought Connecticut estate, and he is often on the road and has homes in Nashville and the Virgin Islands, the question begged to be asked: Where will the home of brand-new Mr. and Mrs. Chesney be?

"I'm guessing, in a trailer tour bus, but we'll see," joked the actress who dated rock musician Jack White before she met Kenny (she has also been linked to Jim Carrey and George Clooney). "It's not going to be a problem. We have to live a little bit together and see which direction life points us."

Renee volunteers that her parents' marriage, just like the strong union of the Braddock couple that she and Russell portray in "Cinderella Man," will be an inspiration to her. (While the movie has gripping boxing scenes, it is essentially about the love that sustains a couple together despite the challenges of the Depression era.) Her parents—Emil and Kjellfrid, natives of Switzerland and Norway, respectively—are both US immigrants.

## Role models

"My parents are going on 45 years," she shared. "I've been a hopeless romantic all my life because they have served as an example about what's possible. I've watched them through good and bad times. They came over here with nothing and no help. My mom didn't speak the language and my dad didn't have a green card. They had no one to call on the phone and say, can we borrow money? It was all about believing that you can so they have served as an inspiration on so many levels in my life. They've made me a believer that if you work hard, it's possible; that you get what you give and that if you have faith, things are possible. That's about as solid as a marriage can get."

Since she and Kenny are both at the top of their professions, how does she plan to support him and vice-versa in their careers? "Wow, I am not sure," she admitted. "It has always been a question of prioritizing, balancing and trying to pay attention. It's challenging for anybody to maintain some kind of balance. It has always been that way. I don't see that it should change in any way now. To be completely honest with you, I haven't sat down and said, okay, this is the new plan. It's a positive addition to my life. I've met someone who understands me, my life and what makes me happy about it and why it's important to me."

In Sunday's column, I'll continue about our press con with Russell and why it was charged with tension. *Abangan!*

(E-mail the columnist at rvnepales@yahoo.com.)

---

ROBERT Rodriguez (left) and with Tarantino (in black cap) and Miller (right)

# Robert Rodriguez on 'Sin City' and Quentin Tarantino

**TAKE FIVE**

BRUCE Willis, Jessica Alba, Rosario Dawson, Benicio Del Toro, Clive Owen, Mickey Rourke, Brittany Murphy, Elijah Wood, Josh Harnett, Jaime King, Nick Stahl, Alexis Bledel, Devon Aoki, Carla Gugino and Michael Madsen star in the action-packed "Sin City."

Robert Rodriguez ("Once Upon a Time in Mexico"), Quentin Tarantino ("Kill Bill") and Frank Miller direct the movie, which is based on the series of graphic novels created, written, and illustrated by Miller.

**It must have been a breeze working on what looks like a dream project.**

It was probably the hardest I've worked on a movie. I thought it was going to be easy—just copy what's out of the book and there you go. I think somewhere near the end I realized it's probably because it's sort of a trilogy all realized on the same day. It's kind of like doing three movies at once.

**Are you prepared to be criticized for over-the-top action?**

I guess that's what it is; it's so over-the-top and stylized, like in the best-selling comic book. I never got any flak for "Desperado." At a time when people were criticizing guys like Quentin for hard action in films, I was mowing down people in my films and no one ever said anything about the violence.

**Do you like Miller's comic book series?**

I am a fan. It took me years to figure it out. I've been buying it since '92. I've always wanted to do a film noir. I never put two and two together that this one should be the thing until just a couple of years ago, after doing the "Once Upon a Time" movies, and learning so much about lighting and technology that I realized I could make this movie now.

**And did you enjoy collaborating with Miller?**

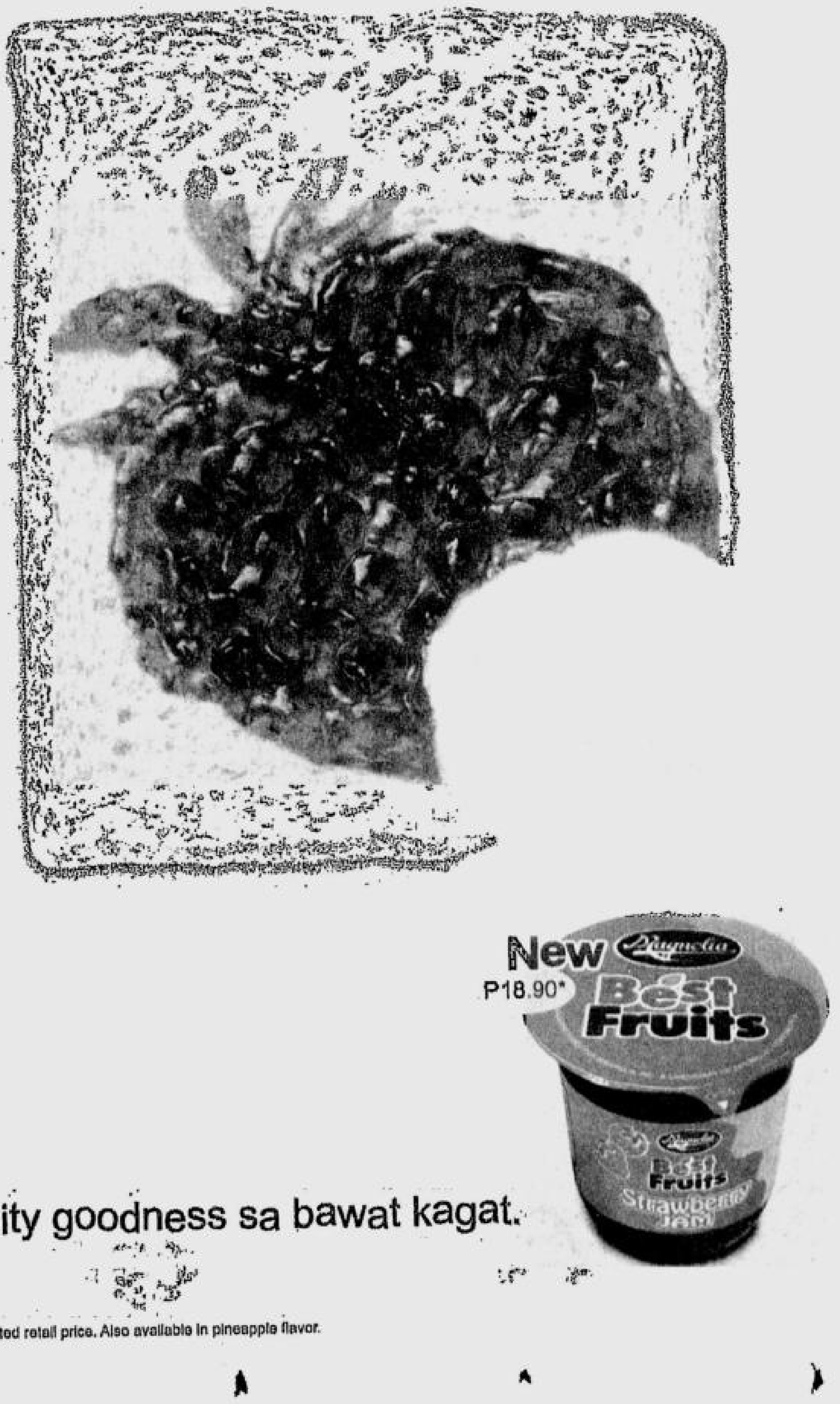
It was very complimentary. I wanted it not to be "Robert Rodriguez's Sin City." I loved the book so much, I wanted it to be as close as possible to something that he would do as a movie.

**How was Tarantino as co-director?**

He was great. I had to basically do an issue, which was where Benicio and Clive are in the car together and Benicio's got the gun barrel and he's talking. That's the one where Quentin's idea was to have him speak in an outer voice where his voice-over was actually speaking out. He did something like that in "Reservoir Dogs." I thought, "That's such a great idea." Clive didn't know he was going to do this on the day. And on the day, Quentin didn't think of it either. He goes, "Wait a minute. All this monologue that you were going to do in voice-over later, you should do it on the set. Can you learn it real quick?" Clive really impressed the hell out of Quentin. That's still all [Quentin] talks about ... that [Clive] went away for five minutes and came back and did the whole monologue there on the cuff, and he was trying to do an American accent so he was trying to figure that out as well—right there on the day.

Quentin came in so prepared because Frank and I had been shooting already, this was our last episode. He made Frank and I look like bums. He came in with every shot and, "Oh, we're going to use colored lights. They'll fade black and white and it'll be colored, flashing lights, and we'll have him speak in an outer voice, and the camera will come to me now." I was like, "Wow, he really worked this out." He's like, "I was so afraid I'd be unprepared that I over-prepared."

He had a blast doing it.


New
P18.90*
Best Fruits
Fruity goodness sa bawat kagat.
*Suggested retail price. Also available in pineapple flavor.

# Tours, Leisure & Chow

cmadamba@inquirer.com.ph
897-8808 local 209 and 238
Alden Joshua Cedo, Graphics Design
Aries Espinosa, Editor

## Where to Stop Where to GO

A weekly directory of the country's best establishments

New World Renaissance Hotel
Esperanza St. cor. makati Ave., Makati City
Tel. 811-6888/Fax. 811-6777
www.marriott.com

Intercontinental Manila
1 Ayala Avenue, Makati City
Tel 815-9711
www.intercontinental.com

Dusit Hotel Nikko
Ayala Center, 1223 Makati City Phil.
Tel. 867-3333 Email: dusitmnl@dusit.com
http://manila.dusit.com

Oakwood Premier Ayala Center
6th Floor, Glorietta 4, Ayala Center
Makati City, Metro Manila
Tel. (63.2) 729.8888 loc. 8101 Fax: : (63.2) 728.0000 / echua@oakwood..com.ph
www.oakwood.com

Evercrest Golf Club Resort, Inc.
Km. 72 Batulao, Nasugbu, Batangas
Tel. (02) 712-9293 to 98
Fax (02) 712-9299
Manila Sales Office 733-3822/733-9955

The Bellevue Manila
North Bridgeway, Northgate
Alabang, Muntinlupa
Tel. (632) 771-8181/ fax (632) 771-8282
www.thebellevue.com.ph

ASTORIA PLAZA
15 J. Escriva Drive, Ortigas Business District,
Pasig City 1600
Tel 687-1111 Fax 910-0370
Email: sales@astoriaplaza.com

Executive Plaza Hotel
1630 A Mabini St., Malate, Manila
Tel 523-1000 /fax 525-8979
Email: sales@executiveplazahotel.com
www.executiveplazahotel.com

Las Palmas Hotel Manila
1616 A. Mabini St., Malate, Manila
Tel. (632) 521-1000/ Fax (632) 523-6917
www.laspalmashotel.com.ph

Hotel Veniz
No. 1 Abanao St. Baguio City
Tel. (074) 446-0700 to 03
Fax (074) 446-0704
Email: hotelveniz@skyinet.net
www.hotelveniz.com

Subic International Hotel
Subic Bay, Free Port Zone, Olongapo City
Manila : 243-2222 / F: 243-0852
http://www.subichotel.com

The Marco Polo
CM Recto St. Davao City 8000
Tel. (082) 221-0888/fax (082) 225-0111
www.marcopolohotels.com

Grand Regal Hotel Davao
J. P. Laurel St., Lanang, Davao City
Tel (382) 235-0888 / (382) 234-3858

Somerset Salcedo, Makati
H.V. dela Costa St., cor. L.P. Levista St., Salcedo Village, 1227 Makati City
Tel. 888-6668 Fax: 888-6655

Somerset Millennium, Makati
No. 104 Aguirre St., Legaspi Village, 1229
Makati City
Tel. 888-0505 Fax: 812-7721

Somerset Olympia, Makati
No. 7912, Makati Ave., 1220 Makati City
Tel. 812-1010 Fax: 818-8254

Mandarin Oriental Manila
Paseo de Roxas cor. Makati Ave. Makati City
Tel. 750-8888
www.mandarinoriental.com

Edsa Shangri-la Manila
1 Garden Way, Ortigas Center, Manila
Tel. 633-8888
www.shangri-la.com

Mactan Island Resort
Punta Engano Road, Lapu Lapu Cebu
Tel. (632) 231-0288/Fax (632) 231-1688
www.shangri-la.com

Waterfront Hotel Lahug
1 Salinas Drive, Lahug Cebu City
Tel. (6332) 232-6888/Fax (6332)232-6880
www.waterfronthotels.net

Waterfront Hotel Mactan
1 Airport Road, Lapu Lapu City, 6015
Tel. (632) 340-4888/fax (632) 340-5693
www.waterfronthotels.net

Manila Pavilion Hotel
UN Avenue, Ermita, Manila, 1000
Tel. (632) 526-1212 /fax (632) 526-2552
www.manilapavilion.com.ph.

Garden Plaza Hotel & Suites
1030 Belen St., Paco, Manila
Tel. (632) 522-4835/ fax (632) 522-4840

City Garden Suites
1158A Mabini St., Ermita, Manila
Tel. 536-1451 Fax. 524-4844
Email:cityreservations@citygardenhotels.com

City Garden Hotel-Makati
Makati Ave., cor. Kalayaan St., Makati City
Tel. (02) 899-1111Fax. (02) 899-1415
Email: makati:citygardenhotels.com

Palm Plaza Hotel
Pedro Gil corner M. Adriatico Sts., Manila
Tel. (02) 522-1000 Fax 525-8013
www.palmplazahotel.com

Royal Mandaya Hotel
J. Palma Gil St. Davao City
Tel. (082) 225-8888/fax (082) 225-1888

Camp John Hay Manor
Loakan Road, Baguio City
Tel. (074) 446-0231 to 50

City Travel Hotel
15 Kisad Road, Baguio City
Tel. (074) 445-0456 / Fax (074) 445-0457

Golden Pine Hotel and Restaurant
Intersection of Carino St. and Legarda Road, Baguio City
Tel. (074)444-9970 to 71/740-8975/
Fax. (074) 446-0704
Email: goldenpineholte@skyinet.net

Taal Vista Hotel
Managed by Fuego Hotels & Properties
Km. 60 Aguinaldo Highway, Tagaytay City
Tel. (632) 886-4325, (6346) 413-1000
Email : taalvista@fuegohotels.com

SUMMER PLACE HOTEL
Summer Place Hotel
Km. 288 Marcos Highway, Baguio City
Tel. :(074) 446.0560, 446.5400-01
www.SummerPlaceBaguio.com

The Regent Hotel
Elias, Angeles St., Naga City
Tel. (6354) 4722626 / Fax (6354) 4722525

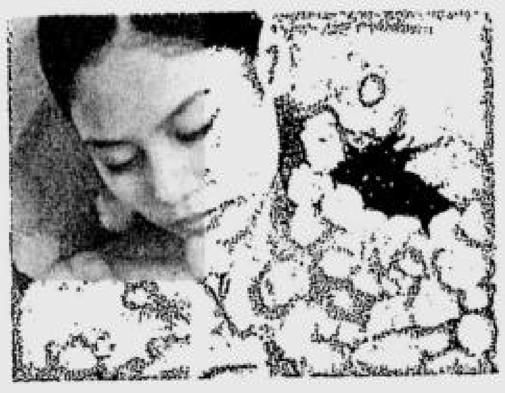
# 'Cucina Simpatica', Comfort Food Italian Style at Bocarinos

THE NEW WORLD Renaissance Hotel's stylish resto Bocarinos presents "Cucina Simpatica", Comfort Food, Italian Style, on May 23 to June 18. "Cucina Simpatica" offers a selection of delectable dishes that warms the stomach as well as the heart. It is Italian comfort food such as steaming hearty soups, fresh salads, rich and creamy sauces over pasta and rice, and superb veal, shrimp, and chicken - all made with love reminiscent of the simplicity of home cooking that is absolutely delicious.

Savor nostalgic and truly authentic dishes such as: Grilled Calamari and Artichokes with Spicy Olive Vinaigrette; Breaded Veal Scallopine with Marinara Sauce and Mozzarella; Ossobuco with Gremolata and Soft Polenta; Linguini with Clams, White Wine, and Garlic; Grilled Lamb Chops with Rosemary Potatoes, among other Italian all-time favorites. For dessert, there is Italian Sponge Cake with Hazelnut Gelato, Tiramisu, Panna Cotta, and more.

"Cucina Simpatica" is featured in the "Perfect Bite" Menu offered for lunch and dinner at Bocarinos at P765+ per person. Bocarinos is open Mondays to Fridays, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 to 10 p.m.; Saturdays at 6 to 10 p.m.

For more information and reservations, call the New World Renaissance Hotel at 811-6888.



**AN EVENING OF INDULGENCE**
**For only P1,170 per person, experience ultimate pampering and relaxation at the Palm Plaza Hotel. Lavish yourself with these pleasures: choose from either Foot Spa, or Cocoa and Honey Bath or Aroma Mineral Bath courtesy of OM Spa and a comfortable overnight stay plus a complimentary set breakfast for two. Room accommodation is based on double or twin occupancy. For reservations call the sales office at 522-1000 locals 318, 320, and 331 or 5254-7127. Palm Plaza Hotel is conveniently located at 524 Pedro Gil corner Adriatico Sts., Malate, Manila and OM Spa is situated at 1829 L.M. Guerrero St., Malate, Manila.**

# Dusit Hotel Nikko's new executives

THE MANAGEMENT of Dusit Hotel Nikko is proud to announce the appointments of the new members of its dynamic sales and marketing team.

Anna Kristina R. Galindo and Kathleen Grace B. Cruz, former guest service agents of the hotel, are now part of its sales force as sales managers. Anna Kristina is a Communications Management graduate from Assumption College while Kathleen Grace is a BS Hotel, Restaurant and Institution Management graduate from DLSU's College of Saint Benilde. Both are to handle the hotel's corporate accounts and procure new and repeat business for the hotel.

Recently, Christine Divinagracia and Francis N. de Leon joined the hotel as assistant banquet sales director and marketing communications manager respectively. A graduate of BS Hotel and Restaurant Management at the University of the Philippines, Divinagracia is a highly experienced hotelier who excels in banquet sales and service operations, catering, and staff management.

Francis N. de Leon, on the other hand, is a highly experienced marketing and communications practitioner who excels in media and marketing support services. He graduated with a degree of Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from De La Salle University.

Photo taken at Dusit Hotel Nikko's Executive Club Lounge. Shown are (from left) Kathleen Grace B. Cruz, Francis N. de Leon, Anna Kristina R. Galindo, and Christine Divinagracia (seated).

**SWEET DEALS AT THE BELLEVUE HOTEL**
**Take your friends and family along to southern Metro Manila's The Bellevue Hotel, Alabang's fun family destination. The Bellevue Hotel presents Cake Reflections, featuring the cake of the month - Japonaise Mango Torte. Indulge on layers of scrumptious Japonaise with special mango filling. The Bellevue's flavorful and inventive food offerings make it the new dining mecca of the south. Experience distinctive dining at The Bellevue. For inquiries, call 771-8181.**

**PAHIYAS SA LAS PALMAS AND PALM PLAZA HOTELS**
**Experience the glamour of Lucban, Quezon's famous festival with our Pahiyas sa Mayo celebration. Treat yourself to some of Lucban's delicious specialties. Your choice of soup - Binakol na Manok or Nilagang Baka, salad - Ensaladang Pilipino at Kamatis, your choice of Beef Morconito or Lukban Espesyal Adobo, Pancit Hab-Hab and dessert - Bibingka at Sapin-sapin na may Latik for P350 (if you choose Lukban Espesyal Adobo) and P365 (if you choose Beef Morconito) only. For reservations and other information, please call Sta. Fe Restaurant (Las Palmas Hotel) at 521-1000 or Cocoy's Restaurant (Palm Plaza Hotel). Promo is good until June 10.**

# Quiet haven above the city's heartbeat

WHETHER you are on business, relocating or engaging in leisure travel, Somerset Millennium, Makati is the ideal destination for the discerning traveler. With its proximity to corporate offices and access to various leisure venues, Somerset Millennium is a home away from home for visitors to Manila.

Somerset Millennium, Makati offers rooms ranging from studio to two-bedroom units for both daily and extended stays. The apartments feature distinct contemporary designs and elegantly furnished living and dining areas. Fully-equipped kitchens and fittings provide the perfect setting for culinary pleasures. Recreational facilities such as outdoor pools, jacuzzis and fitness centres provide guests fun and healthy options for days when they stay in. The business centre and function rooms are ideal venues for meetings and conferences. For dining requirements, Somerset Millennium has Azzurro Mediterranean restaurant, Chimes Asian Café and Yaku Japanese restaurant to cater to the discerning taste buds of guests.

The residence organizes guest activities which include learning programs, group excursions and regular guest gatherings creating an atmosphere of a warm community as well as an international network with different cultures.

Be part of the wonderful experience at Somerset Millennium, Makati - where success resides.

For enquiries and reservations, you may call the central sales office at (63-2) 888 0531 or (63-2) 888 0537 or email at enquiry.manila@the-ascott.com.

Somerset Millennium, Makati is a member of The Ascott Group - a leading international serviced residence chain with over 14,000 serviced residences spanning 40 cities in 17 countries.

# Tight race . . .

From page A3-4

Actress awards that year for the same movie); and in 1996 for Lamangan's "Bakit May Kahapon Pa?"

In 1982, Santos won her first Urian as Best Actress for her role in Ishmael Bernal's "Relasyon." That year, she scored the first grand slam of any actress in Philippine entertainment history.

The following year, she won the Urian again for Bernal's "Broken Marriage"; and again the next year, for Mike de Leon's "Sister Stella L."

Santos closed the 1980's by winning in 1989 for Bernal's "Pahiram ng Isang Umaga."

She won for Eddie Garcia's "Ipagpatawad Mo" in 1991, Laurice Guillen's "Dahil Mahal Kita: The Dolzura Cortez Story" in 1993, and Chito Rono's "Bata, Bata, Paano Ka Ginawa?" in 1998.

Santos last won the Urian in 2002 for Rono's "Dekada '70."

In this year's race, Aunor has the more audacious role. In "Naglalayag," she portrays a judge scorned by society for falling in love with a younger man.

But Santos delivers a confident performance as a Chinese-Filipino woman who reunites with an old flame.

## Claudine vs Judy Anne

But the rug may be pulled from under the great duo by either of two rising young actresses, Claudine Barretto and Judy Ann Santos.

Barretto is nominated for her portrayal of a woman dealing smartly and bravely with the vagaries of expatriate life in the movie, "Milan." Judy Ann Santos is cited for her daring turn as a latent lesbian in "Sabel."

## Also exciting

The Best Actor category is just as exciting.

Cesar Montano is nominated as a Boholano amid the ravages of World War II in "Panaghoy sa Suba," the dramatic epic he produced and directed. The film is nominated for Best Picture and Montano is also nominated for Best Director.

Ronnie Lazaro and Pen Medina are cited for "Ebolusyon ng Isang Pamilyang Pilipino," the 10-hour digital epic by Lav Diaz. Lazaro is nominated for playing the role of a hard-up miner while Medina is cited for his role as an unlikely assassin.

Jomari Yllana is nominated for his sensitive portrayal of a tourist guide in the face of the deceptive tourism gains of Cebu in "Minsan Pa."

## Yul vs Piolo

Yul Servo is nominated for his role as Aunor's young lover in "Naglalayag." Piolo Pascual is cited for his moving performance as a man in search of his lost wife in Italy in "Milan."

The winners will be known during the colorful 28th Gawad Urian awarding ceremonies on June 4 at the AFP Theater. The production is produced by APT Productions and will be aired on GMA-7.

The Manunuri ng Pelikulang Pilipino is chaired by Lito B. Zulueta, arts and culture editor of the Philippine Daily Inquirer and professor of journalism, literature and film theory at the University of Santo Tomas.

Manunuri members are Dean Nicanor Tiongson of the University of the Philippines College of Mass Communication; Magsaysay laureate Bienvenido Lumbera; TV host and Philippine Star columnist Butch Francisco; Mario Hernando, Sunday Malaya editor and Movie and Television Review and Classification Board member; Prof. Gigi Javier-Alfonso of the UP-CMC film department and the UP Open University; Prof. Mike Rapatan of the De la Salle University Department of Communications; and Prof. Rolando Tolentino of the UP Film Institute.

SHANG CINEPLEX

1 MADAGASCAR
MTRCB: GP
11:35, 1:40, 3:45, 5:50, 10:25

2 STAR WARS III
MTRCB: GP
10:40, 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00

3 HOUSE OF WAX
MTRCB: R-13
11:25, 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50

4 MADAGASCAR
MTRCB: GP
12:40, 2:45, 4:50, 6:55, 9:00

PREMIERE THEATRE
STAR WARS III
MTRCB: GP 12:30, 3:20, 6:10, 9:00

Movies and schedules are subject to change without prior notice.
Please call first for SEATS AVAILABILITY

Catch the Cineplex Special

Enjoy MADAGASCAR at the Shang Cineplex !
Regular Screening starts this Friday, May 27
Meet The Penguins at the Shang on Sunday, May 29

Enjoy Double Treats

Get one (1) free URBANSPA Express Massage or a P250 Urban Spa cash coupon for every single purchase of four (4) Shang Cineplex (Cinema 1-4) or Two (2) Premiere Theatre tickets.
See posters and flyers for details
Per DTI-NCR Permit No. A3-183, Series of 2005

Regular Ticket Price
Cinemas 1 to 4 - P160
Premiere Theatre - P295 (includes unlimited popcorn and beverage)
Call 633-7851, loc. 171 or 633-2227 / 633-4735 for more details.
Shangri-La Plaza

OPENS JUNE 1
ONE GIANT ACTION MOVIE
WITH AN ASSEMBLY OF THE WORLD'S BIGGEST STARS AND
DIRECTED BY AMERICA'S MOST CONTROVERSIAL DIRECTORS
QUENTIN TARANTINO & ROBERT RODRIGUEZ

THE CITY IS UNDER SIEGE
BRUCE WILLIS
JESSICA ALBA
CLIVE OWENS
ELIJAH WOOD
BENICIO DEL TORO
BRITTANY MURPHY
JOSH HARNETT
MICKEY ROURKE
FRANK MILLER'S
SIN CITY
DIRECTED BY
ROBERT RODRIGUEZ
FRANK MILLER
& QUENTIN TARANTINO
MIRAMAX / DIMENSION

GREENHILLS CINEMAS
GREENHILLS SHOPPING CENTER, ORTIGAS AVENUE, GREENHILLS, SAN JUAN, METRO MANILA

THEATRE MALL
GREENHILLS
a landmark reinvented!

NOW SHOWING

CINEMA 1 STAR WARS : EPISODE III - GP
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00

CINEMA 2 STAR WARS : EPISODE III - GP
12:30, 3:20, 6:10, 9:00

DOLBY DIGITAL SURROUND • EX

PROMENADE
GREENHILLS
...a dinetertainment for all!

NOW SHOWING

CINEMA 3 STAR WARS : EPISODE III - GP
11:35, 2:25, 5:15, 8:05

CINEMA 4 HOUSE OF WAX - GP
11:35, 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 10:00

CINEMA 5 UNLEASHED - R13

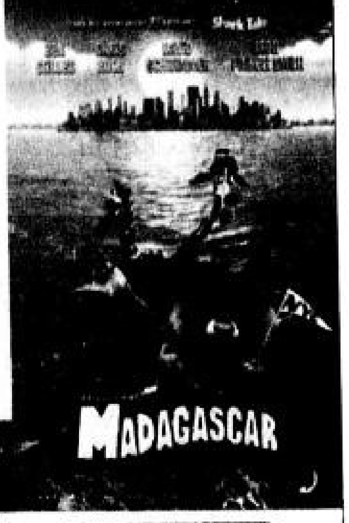
TICKET PRICES & SCREENING TIME SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE. FOR CINEMA INQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL: 722 4496.

MUSIC MUSEUM
May 27 & 28, 2005 NINA "Just Wanna Have FUN" 9:00PM
FOR INQUIRIES & RESERVATION, PLS. CALL : 721-6726 OR 721-0635

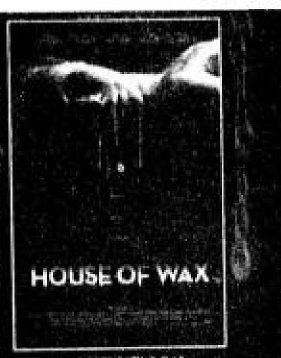
SM CINEMA movietime

Central Park Zoo animals face freedom as they stow away to the island of
MADAGASCAR
Piggyback to this outrageous adventure now showing at the newly renovated SM Premiere Cinemas.

Win Madagascar Premium items for every purchase of 4 tickets to the family movie of the year! Get a chance to see Madagascar's psychotic penguins as they visit SM Cinema Megamall at 4 pm Today!



FOR INFORMATION ON MOVIE LISTING, MTRCB RATING, SCREENING, SCHEDULES AND THE LATEST HAPPENINGS AT SM CINEMA
CALLUS@ 833-9999
VISITUS@ www.smcinema.co



MTRCB RATING: R-13
THERE'S A REASON THEY LOOK SO REAL.
CATCH
HOUSE OF WAX
MIME ACTS
ONLY AT SELECTED
SM PREMIERE CINEMAS!
SM MEGAMALL MAY 28, 2-5PM
NOW SHOWING

GUARANTEED SEATS

the podium cinema
1. MADAGASCAR
11:00 FS / 11:30 MF / 2:10 / 4:30 / 7:30
9:40 LFS / 10:10 LMF / 12:30 END
2. STAR WARS : EPISODE III
12:10 FS / 12:40 MF / 2:40 / 4:40 / 6:40
8:40 / 10:10 LFS / 10:40 LMF / 12:10 END
633-9978

sm megamall cinema 1
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
633-1901

sm cebu cinema
CINEMA 1: KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
11:20 FS / 11:30 MF / 2:00 / 4:30 / 7:00
9:25 LFS / 9:30 LMF / 11:55 END
CINEMA 3: STAR WARS: EPISODE III
10:30 FS / 11:00 MF / 1:39 / 4:16 / 6:53
9:13 LFS / 9:30 LMF / 11:50 END
(032) 231-3878

METRO MANILA

sm megamall
1 KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
2 UNLEASHED
3 STAR WARS : EPISODE III
4 HOUSE OF WAX
5 BIKINI OPEN
6 MADAGASCAR
7 RESERVED
8 RESERVED
9 RESERVED
10 STAR WARS : EPISODE III
11 TRUMPETS
12 LA VISA LOCA

sm city fairview
1 POOHS HEFFALUMP MOVIE
2 IN GOOD COMPANY
3 KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
4 STAR WARS : EPISODE III
5 UNLEASHED
6 LA VISA LOCA
7 HOUSE OF WAX
8 MADAGASCAR
9 BIKINI OPEN
10 CAN THIS BE LOVE
11 THE AMITYVILLE HORROR
12 STAR WARS : EPISODE III

sm city north edsa
1 STAR WARS : EPISODE III
2 HOUSE OF WAX
3 RESERVED
4 BIKINI OPEN
5 LA VISA LOCA
6 MADAGASCAR
7 STAR WARS: EPISODE III
8 UNLEASHED

sm city sta. mesa
1 STAR WARS : EPISODE III
2 HOUSE OF WAX
3 UNLEASHED
4 RESERVED
5 RESERVED
6 BIKINI OPEN
7 MADAGASCAR
8 KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
9 LA VISA LOCA
10 ANG LAGUSAN

sm city southmall
1 RESERVED
2 RESERVED
3 STAR WARS : EPISODE III
4 UNLEASHED
5 BIKINI OPEN
6 THE AMITYVILLE HORROR
7 STAR WARS : EPISODE III
8 MADAGASCAR
9 HOUSE OF WAX
10 LA VISA LOCA

sm city manila
1 UNLEASHED
2 HOUSE OF WAX
3 ARE WE THERE YET?
4 STAR WARS : EPISODE III
5 MADAGASCAR
6 STAR WARS : EPISODE III
7 CAN THIS BE LOVE
8 THE AMITYVILLE HORROR
9 LA VISA LOCA
10 xXx 2 : THE NEXT LEVEL
11 KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
12 BIKINI OPEN

sm cinema tutuban
1 RESERVED
2 RESERVED
3 RESERVED
4 RESERVED

sm supercenter sucat
1 UNLEASHED
2 LA VISA LOCA
3 STAR WARS : EPISODE III
4 HOUSE OF WAX

sm city bicutan
1 STAR WARS : EPISODE III
2 LA VISA LOCA
3 HOUSE OF WAX
4 UNLEASHED

LUZON

sm city pampanga
1 STAR WARS : EPISODE III
2 STAR WARS : EPISODE III
3 AMITYVILLE HORROR
4 BIKINI OPEN
5 MADAGASCAR
6 LA VISA LOCA

sm city baguio
1 STAR WARS : EPISODE III
2 ALONE IN THE DARK
3 LA VISA LOCA
4 MADAGASCAR

sm city batangas
1 MADAGASCAR
2 LA VISA LOCA
3 STAR WARS : EPISODE III
4 THE WEDDING DATE

sm city marilao
1 STAR WARS : EPISODE III
2 LA VISA LOCA
3 MADAGASCAR
4 THE AMITYVILLE HORROR

sm city bacoor
1 AMITYVILLE HORROR
2 KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
3 UNLEASHED
4 MADAGASCAR
5 STAR WARS : EPISODE III
6 LA VISA LOCA
7 BIKINI OPEN
8 HOUSE OF WAX

sm city dasmariñas
1 MADAGASCAR
2 LA VISA LOCA
3 IN GOOD COMPANY
4 STAR WARS : EPISODE III

sm city lucena
1 MADAGASCAR
2 STAR WARS : EPISODE III
3 LA VISA LOCA
4 THE WEDDING DATE

VISAYAS AND MINDANAO

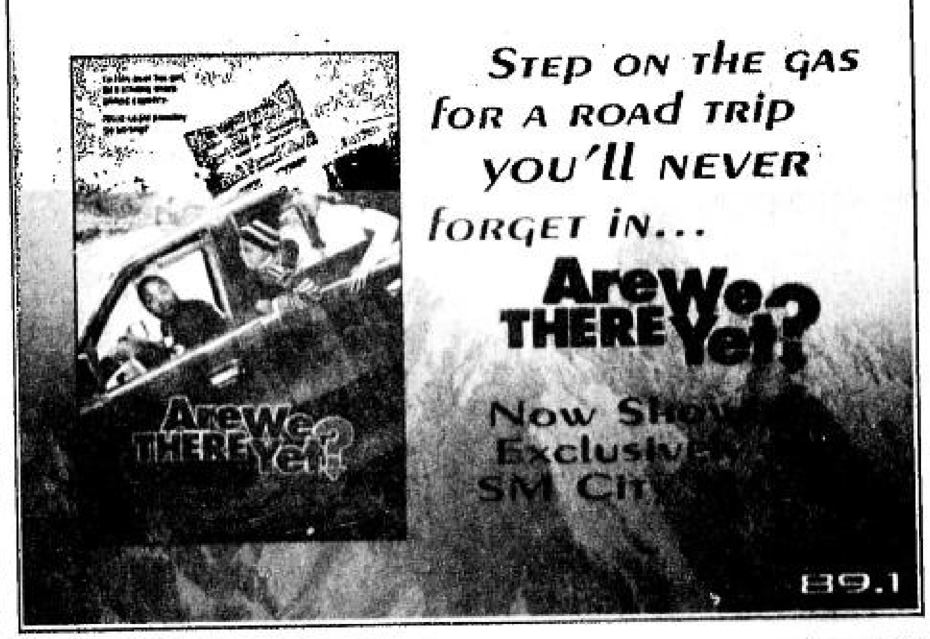
sm city cebu
1 KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
2 RESERVED
3 STAR WARS : EPISODE III
4 MADAGASCAR
5 STAR WARS : EPISODE III
6 BIKINI OPEN
7 LA VISA LOCA
8 UNLEASHED

sm city iloilo
1 BIKINI OPEN
2 RESERVED
3 RING OF THE NIBELUNGS
4 MADAGASCAR
5 LA VISA LOCA
6 STAR WARS : EPISODE III
7 RESERVED
8 KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

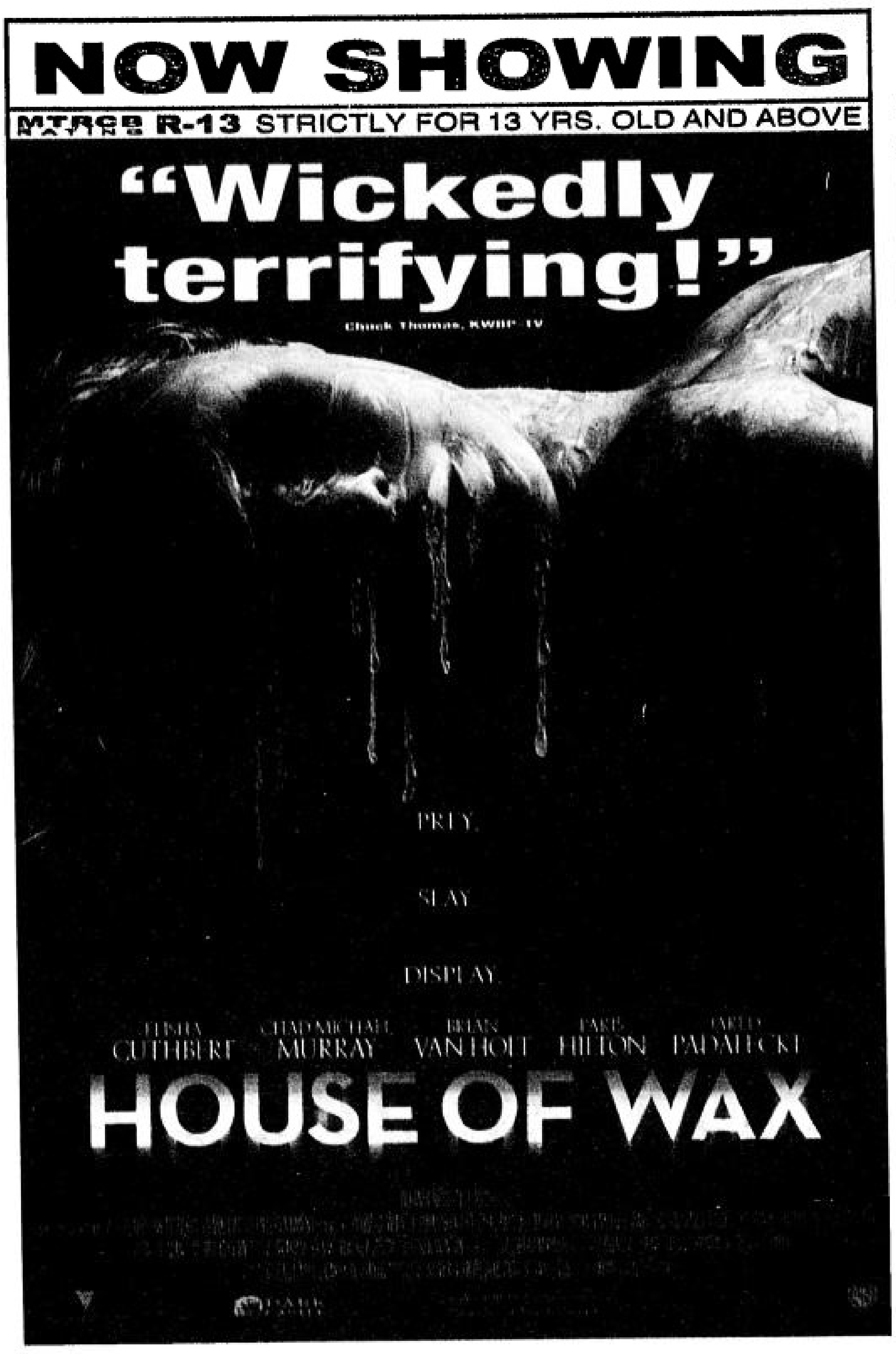
sm city davao
1 STAR WARS : EPISODE III
2 MADAGASCAR
3 KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
4 STAR WARS : EPISODE III
5 LA VISA LOCA
6 UNLEASHED

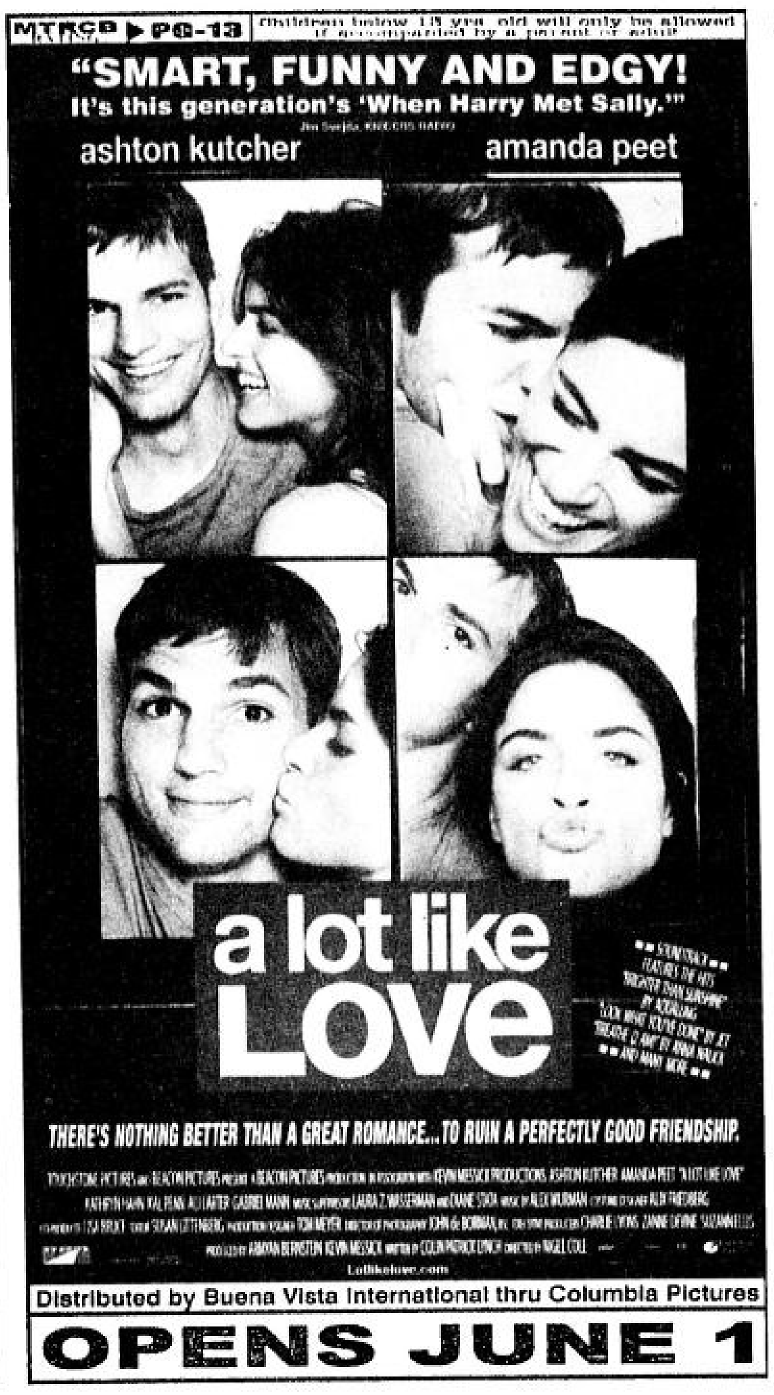
sm city cagayan de oro
1 STAR WARS : EPISODE III
2 ALONE IN THE DARK
3 LA VISA LOCA
4 STAR WARS : EPISODE III

SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE



# ENTERTAINMENT


NOW SHOWING
MTRCB R-13 STRICTLY FOR 13 YRS. OLD AND ABOVE
"Wickedly terrifying!"
Chuck Thomas, KWBP-TV
PREY.
SLAY.
DISPLAY.
ELISHA CUTHBERT
CHAD MICHAEL MURRAY
BRIAN VAN HOLT
PARIS HILTON
JARED PADALECKI
HOUSE OF WAX


MTRCB PG-13
Children below 13 yrs. old will only be allowed if accompanied by a parent or adult
"SMART, FUNNY AND EDGY! It's this generation's 'When Harry Met Sally.'"
ashton kutcher
amanda peet
a lot like LOVE
SOUNDTRACK FEATURES THE HITS "BRIGHTER THAN SUNSHINE" BY AQUALUNG "LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE" BY JET "BREATHE (2 AM)" BY ANNA NALICK AND MANY MORE
THERE'S NOTHING BETTER THAN A GREAT ROMANCE...TO RUIN A PERFECTLY GOOD FRIENDSHIP.
Lotlikelove.com
Distributed by Buena Vista International thru Columbia Pictures
OPENS JUNE 1

# Tight race for Urian Best Actress

WILL Nora Aunor win Best Actress for "Naglalayag" and finally be just one trophy shy of Vilma Santos' record of eight trophies in the Gawad Urian?

But Santos may improve her position as the "winningest" actress in the Gawad Urian if she wins for the romantic hit, "Mano Po 3: My Love."

Gawad Urian is given out by the Manunuri ng Pelikulang Pilipino, a society of respected film critics.

NORA Aunor

VILMA Santos

## The score

So far, the score is 8-6, in favor of Vilma Santos.

Aunor was the first Urian Best Actress in 1976, winning for her role in Mario O'Hara's "Tatlong Taong Walang Diyos."

She repeated the feat in 1980 for Lino Brocka's "Bona"; in 1989 for Elwood Perez's "Bilanging ang Bituin sa Langit"; in 1990 for Gil Portes' "Andrea, Paano ba ang Maging Isang Ina?"; in 1995 for Joel Lamangan's "The Flor Contemplacion Story" (she won all the Best

TIGHT/ A3-3

EASTWOOD CINEMAS
Eastwood City Walk 2, Eastwood City
E. Rodriguez Jr. Ave. (C-5) Quezon City
Voted Best Movie Theater
-Philippine Daily Inquirer's 2004 Yearend Reader Survey
For inquiries, call:
687-6963
GUARANTEED SEATS
MOVIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | STAR WARS III: REVENGE OF THE SITH<br>10:20, 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20<br>GP |
| 2 | MADAGASCAR<br>PLEASE CALL FOR SCREENING TIME |
| 3 | STAR WARS III: REVENGE OF THE SITH<br>11:05, 2:05, 5:05, 8:05, 11:05<br>GP |
| 4 | HOUSE OF WAX<br>12:30, 3:05, 5:40, 8:15, 10:50<br>R-13 |

POWER PLANT CINEMA
Rockwell Center, Makati City ☎ Tel. No: 8981440-41
DOLBY DIGITAL SURROUND-EX

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| HOUSE OF WAX<br>R13<br>1:20,3:40,6:00,8:20,10:30 | MADAGASCAR<br>GP<br>11:00,1:00,3:00,7:00,9:00 | MADAGASCAR<br>GP<br>11:50,1:50,3:50, 5.50,7:50.9:50 |
| STAR WARS: EPISODE III<br>GP<br>12:30,3:30,6:30,9:30 | UNLEASHED<br>R13<br>11:45,1:55,4:05, 6:15,8:25,10:25 | STAR WARS: EPISODE III<br>GP<br>1:30,4:30,7.30,10:20 |

star group of cinemas movie guide
IN DOLBY DIGITAL SOUND

starmall EDSA-SHAW
Tel. No. 726.61.60
3 La Visa Loca
4 Unleashed
5 Star Wars Episode 3
For every purchase of 1 Movie Ticket at Starmall Edsa Gets 1 Free Yellow Swiper Game at TimeZone Starmall Edsa
DTI-NCR A3-377 Series of 2005

METROPOLIS ALABANG star
Tel. No. 850.42.85
1 Unleashed
2 La Visa Loca
3 Under Renovation
4 Under Renovation
5 Star Wars Episode 3
6 House of Wax

starmall LAS PIÑAS
Tel. No. 873.60.04
1 XXX 2
2 Rental Reservation
Buy 3 Movie Tickets And Win Jollibee Products! At Metropolis Alabang and Starmall Edsa
DTI-NCR A2-268, Series 2005
DTI-NCR A3-361, Series 2005

OPENS TODAY
MTRCB RATING G FOR GENERAL AUDIENCE
FROM THE CREATORS OF SHREK and SHARK TALE
BEN STILLER
CHRIS ROCK
DAVID SCHWIMMER
JADA PINKETT SMITH
THEY WEREN'T BORN IN THE WILD... THEY WERE SHIPPED THERE
MADAGASCAR
PDI DREAMWORKS
United International Pictures
www.madagascar-themovie.com
Solar Entertainment Corporation
DREAMWORKS ANIMATION SKG

MTRCB RATING G GENERAL PATRONAGE
ALL AGES ADMITTED
NOW SHOWING
STAR WARS EPISODE III
STAR WARS EPISODE III
STAR WARS EPISODE III
STAR WARS EPISODE III REVENGE OF THE SITH
EWAN McGREGOR NATALIE PORTMAN HAYDEN CHRISTENSEN
IAN McDIARMID SAMUEL L. JACKSON CHRISTOPHER LEE
JOHN WILLIAMS RICK McCALLUM
GEORGE LUCAS

# BUSINESS

Text us your feedback: inquirer biz name/age/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

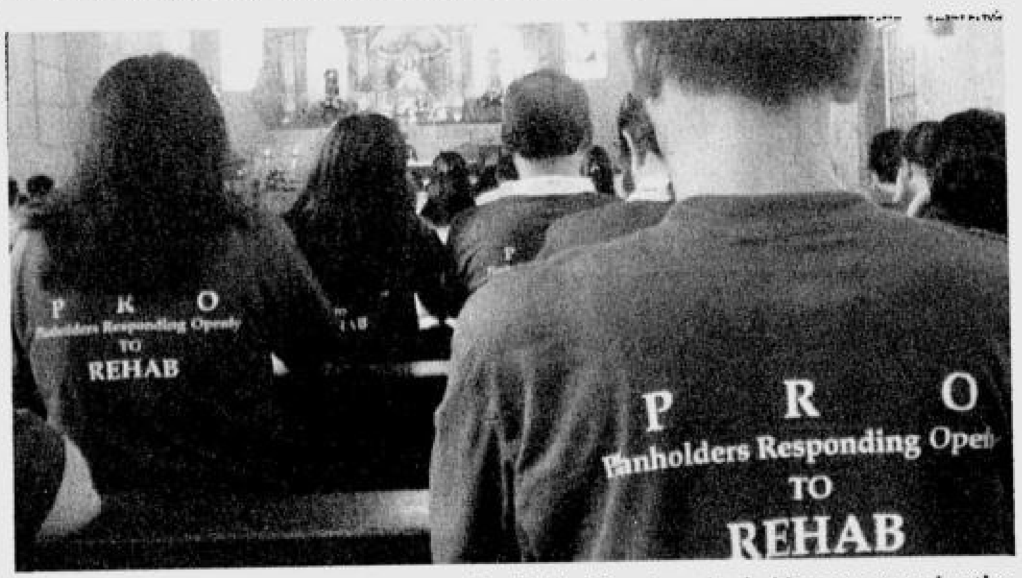
E-mail: pr_business@inquirer.com.ph
Website: www.inq7money.net

Editor Raul O. Marcelo
Assistant Editor Corrie S. Narisma

**WHAT'S INSIDE**

Cocktales /B3

SMC wins control of NatFoods /B6



WITH the education of their children at stake, Pacific Plans Inc. plan holders are storming the heavens for a quick end to their woes. RUDY ESPERAS

# Fitch upgrades RP credit-rating outlook

By Michelle V. Remo

**AFTER suffering from successive credit-rating downgrades early this year, the Philippines got a lift yesterday after Fitch Ratings revised its outlook on the country's long-term foreign and local currency ratings from "negative" to "stable."**

The international ratings firm said its decision followed the recent enactment of revenue-raising laws, particularly the controversial expanded value-added tax measure that took Congress some time to pass.

Fitch said the tax measures could finally help restore the country's fiscal stability over the medium term.

"We had to wait for a long time for this package but it has been worth it. The policy response that has taken shape is really quite something in the Philippines' historical context and should mark the turning point in the country's fiscal profile," said Brian Coulton, senior director of Fitch Ratings Sovereigns team in Asia.

The VAT law, the main revenue-

FITCH/ B6

# Lifetime Plans refutes SEC order

LIFETIME Plans Inc., a subsidiary of the Yuchengcos' pre-need firm Pacific Plans Inc. (PPI), said it would ask the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to reconsider a decision to shut down the pre-need firm, Lifetime spokesperson Samuel Torres said in a statement.

Lifetime, which sells fixed-value pre-need plans, has more than 400,000 plan holders.

Sources said the SEC's decision to revoke the company's certificate of incorporation meant transferring the liabilities of Lifetime back to PPI.

PPI is currently hard pressed in addressing the concerns of its plan holders. It earlier filed a petition with a Makati court for rehabilitation and suspension of payments.

Sources close to Lifetime said the SEC's decision "was the harshest made so far in corporate history." *(See related story on Page B5.)*

Commission secretary Gerard Lukban said that as of press time, the commission has not received a motion from the company seeking a reversal of the order.

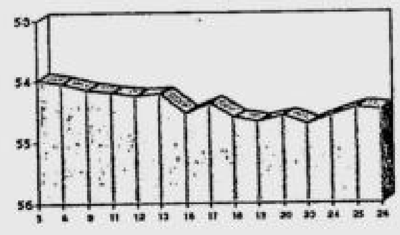
"There is nothing in the rules to prevent them from filing [a motion for reconsideration]," Lukban said.

Torres said the SEC's order was issued without the benefit of a necessary notice and

LIFETIME / B5

## INDICATORS

### CURRENCIES



PESO-DOLLAR RATE

P54.48 = $1

As of 5 p.m., May 26, 2005

¥108.09 = $1

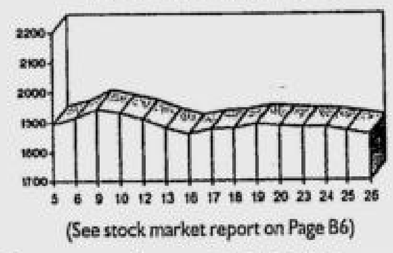
As of 5 p.m., May 26, 2005

GOLD: $418.60-419.10

per ounce Hong Kong, May 25, 2005

### STOCK MARKET

PSE COMPOSITE INDEX



(See stock market report on Page B6)

## Shares close 0.58% lower

SHARE prices closed 0.58 percent lower yesterday, extending losses in thin trade for a fifth consecutive day as political concerns continued to overhang the market, dealers said.

They said there have been continued concerns over charges by the opposition that President Macapagal-Arroyo's family has been involved in an illegal gambling racket known as "jueteng" and this undercut confidence.

Indications that economic growth may have slowed in the first quarter and the absence of fresh positive leads also weighed on sentiment, they added.

The Philippine Stock Exchange composite index fell 10.78 points to 1,858.72 after trading between 1,855.55 and 1,869.50 on volume of 342 million shares worth P420 million.

The broader all-shares index fell 6.70 points to 1,137.74.

Losers beat gainers 49 to 13, with 45 stocks unchanged.

"Investors are waiting [to see] what happens at the Senate investigation on the jueteng controversy before deciding whether to invest any further," said Gomer Tan of Regina Capital Development Corp.

"This [turnover] is the lowest we've seen in months. Most players have decided to stay out for the meantime," remarked Jose Vistan of AB Capital Securities.

Philippine Long Distance Telephone was the most actively traded stock, closing unchanged at P1,440 AFP

Unbelievable!

CT17MC16 (17")

FREE TV

OR

CT21M20 (21") / CT25M2 (25") / CT29M16 (29")

FANTASTIC UPGRADE

It's Your Choice.

SAMSUNG

**Every** new VISA Gold Card Member of HSBC gets a Samsung Flat Screen TV.

**It's true!** No raffle, no hassle.
A 17" Samsung Flat Screen TV is yours for free once your card is approved. Or for a minimal additional amount, you may upgrade to a 21", 25" or 29" screen model by instalment. Hurry!. This promotion will end on 30 June 2005.

Terms and conditions apply. Delivery within Metro Manila and Cebu Province is free of charge. TV photos may vary from actual unit. For complete mechanics, see application forms.

- Call 884-8472 for Metro Manila and (032) 254-5657 for Cebu
- Visit the nearest branch

HSBC
The world's local bank

Issued by The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited

Per DTI-NCR Permit Number 2127, Series of 2005.

MAKE YOUR DREAM COME TRUE.

FREE

DIGITAL
SATELLITE
RECEIVER

WITH P9,000 PREPAID ANNUAL
SUBSCRIPTION OF DREAM 750!

NO MORE LONELY NIGHTS!

DREAM
SATELLITE TV

CLARO.
WHEREVER!
Call 918-8000

FREE-B! 9000
PROMO PERIOD: MAY 1 TO JULY 31, 2005
EXCLUSIVE OF INSTALLATION FEE
PER DTI-NCR PERMIT NO. 2315, SERIES OF 2005

PAMPANGA (045) 893-2363 • L'AGUNA (049) 545-7219 • CEBU (032) 343-8946 • BACOLOD (034) 434-0168
ILOILO (033) 335-1344 • DAVAO (082) 235-3615 • CAGAYAN DE ORO (088) 856-8588

# Fortuner waiting list: 10 months

TOYOTA has struck a mother lode with its new Fortuner sports utility vehicle.

As of Wednesday, nationwide customer reservations for the new SUV had already reached 2,400, nearly equal to 10 months of Philippine allocation, reported an enthusiastic Daniel Isla, Toyota marketing first vice president.

"You would not believe who have been calling us" just to jump the queue, Isla added. But he clammed up before he could blurt out any name, after realizing in time that he was talking to a naughty columnist.

Because of the overwhelming demand, Toyota Philippines on Wednesday wrote the Singapore regional office to plead for an increase in the allocation of the Thailand-assembled SUV.

After Thailand, the Philippines became the second country to introduce the Fortuner, which bears a resemblance to Toyota's high-end Lexus RX 300.

Launched only last weekend, the Philippine Fortuner model is the first left-hand drive version for the SUV that the leading Japanese carmaker plans to sell worldwide from its Thai production base. Fortuner shares the same engine and platform as the new Hilux pickup and the Innova wagon that had been launched earlier.

The Hilux itself has a three-month waiting list, a phenomenon last seen when customers rushed to buy the Honda CR-V before the excise tax deadline to avail themselves of Honda's skillful dodging of the so-called "10-cheater rule."

According to Isla, Toyota Thailand even has a longer, one-year waiting list for the Fortuner, which he claims had stolen the market from Isuzu, the traditional Thai SUV king.

Bruised by the Thai experience, Isuzu Philippines on Monday counter-struck by launching an upgraded version of its Alterra (for "all-terrain") SUV, which, unlike the Fortuner, comes with plushier interiors, individual DVD players with 11 speakers and tweeters, and a heavier-load bearing, if bouncier, rear leaf-spring suspension.

But the trimmings and interior upgrades, plus the fact that Alterra is a foot longer than the higher-end Isuzu Trooper, comes with a P100,000 to P150,000 higher tag than the competition.

## Riding Toyota's coattail

ISUZU may be toiling under the shadow of market leader Toyota, but the smaller Japanese vehicle manufacturer has found a way to make money, rather than just eat dust, from the trail of its giant competition.

The local Isuzu will launch in July a diesel-engine replacement campaign targeting not

**COCKTALES**

*Victor C. Agustin*

only industrial revolution-era clunkers of the country's 200,000 jeepneys but also the engines of hundreds of thousands of Toyota Tamaraw, FX and Revo.

Costing P200,000 to P250,000, the brand-new, Clean Air Act-compliant Isuzu diesel engines come equipped with conversion kits to fit the engine bays of the target vehicles.

According to the grapevine, Isuzu has already secured a government commitment to provide cheaper financing through transport cooperatives for the ambitious undertaking.

Excluding the Toyotas, P200,000 for 200,000 jeepneys already translates to a whopping P40-billion market, a business that Isuzu had already quietly cornered, even before the Clean Air Act.

Proof? Just go and pop open the hood of any jeepney.

## Money-go-round

- THE GROUNDBREAKING for John Gokongwei's first Fort condo, Fifth Avenue Place, will not happen until November but already the taipan's sales force has started preselling a second Fort condo, the all-loft McKinley Park Residences, after having sold out the first venture, mostly to overseas Filipinos.

The second condo is a block away from the proposed St. Luke's Medical Center and overlooks a park, which hopefully will not be converted into a carpark, just like what had happened in Salcedo and Legaspi villages.

Pre-selling price: P68,000 a square meter.

- NEW FILIPINAS magazine owner Greg Macabenta is planning a Philippine edition of the San Francisco-based monthly, which he had just acquired from taipan daughter Mona Lisa Yuchengco.

## Heard through the grapevine

EQUITABLE PCIBank chair Antonio Go, expatriate director Anthony Conway, and president Rene Buenaventura walked out of the bank's excom meeting Monday in an attempt to defeat a combined GSIS-SSS resolution to stop the Go family from voting for themselves the so-called 10-percent "treasury" shares being held by the investment house subsidiary.

*(Email: cocktales_pdi@pldtdsl.net or cocktales_pdi@yahoo.com)*

612 Limited Edition
Hand-stitched and individually stamped, only 612 pairs available.

THE SWATCH SEASIDER 612 LIMITED EDITION

*In commemoration of the Philippine Independence Day on June 12. Only 612 pairs available nationwide.*

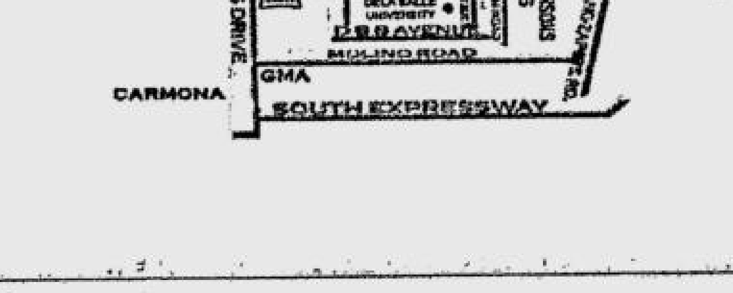
Inspired by the colors of our flag, the 612 Limited Edition is individually stamped from 001 thru 612, and features a patented razor-cut white sole, blue and red calf skin upper, and capped with golden-yellow needlework. Available at Canvas stores in Robinson's Pioneer and leading department stores nationwide. Log on to www.swatchseasider.com.ph for a complete list of nationwide outlets.

SWATCH seasider

Distributed by Trident International Trading Corporation ©1986 Swatch Seasider.

Recruiting brokers for
Bloomfields Tagaytay, an upscale
residential cum commercial
development by Robinsons Land Corp.
in Tagaytay City ( in front of Josephine's
Restaurant)pls Call 635-8781;637-0418;
635-9095;(046)852-0696;
(046) 852-0690

VINEYARD
BY ROBINSONS



Grand Open House
Phase I & II - Sold
Phase III- Few remaining lots
Phase IV - Open for sale

ROBINSONS HOMES, INC.

# *Harbour Centre wants license to handle containerized cargo*

By Clarissa S. Batino

HARBOUR Centre Port Terminal has insisted that private port operators International Container Terminal Inc. and Asian Terminals Inc. have no exclusive rights over containerized cargo operations within the Port of Manila.

Edwin Jerémillo, Harbour Centre vice president for administration, claimed that the Philippine Ports Authority was not prohibited from granting permits to handle containerized cargo to more than one company.

Currently limited to handling non-containerized cargo within the North Harbor, the company said it had been trying to secure a permit from the PPA to handle container cargo as well.

The ports regulator, however, had yet to issue a full license to Harbour Centre.

"The PPA board has yet to act on our application for a full license. They said they would discuss it in the next board meeting. But so far, they haven't," said Jeremillo.

From January to April, the PPA already received P24.15 million in fees from all the vessels that docked at Harbour Centre's ports, which the owners had developed for P6 billion.

"Percentage-wise, this is certainly more than the 20 percent that ICTSI is obliged to remit to the PPA until 2012," said Jeremillo.

Pending the grant of its request for license to handle containerized cargo, he said Harbour Centre would concentrate on further improving its bulk and break bulk operations.

The company said it already handles 90 percent of the non-containerized business in the port.

Steel accounts for the bulk of products that Harbour Centre handles, followed by coal, silica, gypsum, cement and iron ore. Harbour Centre expects to double the volume of goods it will handle this year to about four million metric tons.

# Merrill Lynch eyes stake in Maynilad, to buy debt

By Christine A. Gaylican

INVESTMENT group Merrill Lynch Plc. has signified interest in acquiring the debt paper of west zone water distributor, Maynilad Water Services Inc.

Sources from the Maynilad and the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System have also confirmed that Merrill Lynch has expressed interest in acquiring a "significant stake" in the debt-ridden company.

"The group Merrill Lynch has informed us yesterday of their interest to buy our debt paper. This will help us get by and hasten our rehabilitation," a high-ranking Maynilad official told the INQUIRER.

Merrill Lynch has also requested that Maynilad officers make a presentation of the company's financial reports and capital expenditure program included in the rehabilitation plan now pending approval at the Quezon City Regional Trial Court Branch 90.

Maynilad estimates that it will rake in some P2 billion in income this year, putting an end to seven years of consecutive losses.

Maynilad president Fiorello Estuar said the company would reverse its losses and earn a decent income not only because of the tariff increase, but also due to service improvements.

He said cash flow would remain positive, and would hit P5 billion by the end of the year.

He brushed aside observations made by some critics that the company was just depending on rate increases to shore up its income, after Maynilad recorded a P215-million net income in February due to tariff rate adjustments implemented in January.

Estuar said officers and employees were "slowly but surely" reducing its non-revenue water (NRW), which now stands at 68.1 percent, from 69.5 percent recorded last year.

NRW refers to water lost due to leaks and pilferage.

He noted that close to half of Maynilad's P1.4-billion capital expenditure program was geared toward further reducing the volume of non-revenue water.

# GSIS plans overseas investments

By Michelle V. Remo

THE GOVERNMENT Service Insurance System (GSIS) said it intends to invest some $200 million in foreign financial instruments this year, in a bid to diversify its investment portfolio and increase its income.

According to Reynaldo Palmiery, GSIS senior executive vice president, the pension fund was scouting for a financial advisor who would help GSIS choose its investments.

He said the pension fund was looking at placing its money in equities, sovereign bonds and fixed-income instruments.

He cited the case of California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS), one of the biggest pension funds worldwide, which employs the services of financial consultants in determining the best investment options for the organization.

"We want to diversify our investments because we are currently heavily exposed to the national government (through government securities), and that yields offered in the Philippines are deteriorating," he said in a press briefing yesterday at the Department of Finance, its monitoring agency.

The GSIS official said the pension fund was allowed under its charter to allot a maximum of 10 percent of its investment funds for foreign investments.

He said that in 1995, the GSIS had already attempted to invest in foreign instruments but that Congress prohibited it from doing so. Palmiery said the GSIS would now enlist the DOF's help in pursuing its diversification program.

# HSBC rolls out e-banking for SMEs

By Doris C. Dumlao

HONG KONG—British banking giant HSBC Plc. will roll out before year's end a new global e-banking platform for small, medium-sized and middle-market enterprises in the Philippines.

HSBCnet, the new banking system, has been launched in other markets and was well received, the bank's global co-head of commercial banking, Margaret Leung, told visiting reporters from Manila and Mumbai.

The number of business customers who deal with HSBC online increased by over 40 percent last year to 780,000, with revenues earned directly from Internet transactions and e-sales now exceeding $50 million.

For instance, HSBC Bank Brasil SA transferred 8,000 customers to Connect Bank, its electronic banking system, which now has in excess of 30,000 registered users.

Leung said that based on the bank's research, there are entrepreneurs who do not want to spend time completing banking transactions, and thus find it more convenient logging on when they come home.

As such, she noted technology continued to have a major impact on banking services.

HSBC plans to grow its business in the Philippines through branch-based, experienced business counselors assigned to drive sales activity in specific geographical areas.

Capitalizing on its global brand and reputation, two new offerings for small, medium and middle-market enterprises were recently launched:

Business Vantage—for accounts with a minimum balance of P375,000, ancillary services such as business automated teller machines, Internet banking, telephone banking, fax hotline and short messaging system (SMS) text alerts will be available while accounts will be portfolio managed; and,

Business Select—for accounts with an average of at least P10 million in deposits, in addition to services made available under Business Vantage, account holders can tap payroll and corporate credit card services.

TOSHIBA

Choose Quality & Reliability

The ultimate multimedia experience with **Clear SuperView (CSV) Technology!**

Amazing deals on Toshiba's high-performance notebooks. Hurry, promotion is valid only from 27-31 May, 2005!

**Toshiba recommends Microsoft® Windows® XP Professional.**

**Satellite A80-P435** NEW ARRIVAL!
Model No: PSA80L-01M003
**Excellent value for money with rich multimedia features.**

- Intel® Centrino™ Mobile Technology
  - Intel® Pentium® M Processor 730 (1.60GHz, 533MHz Front Side Bus, 2MB L2 Cache)
  - Intel® 915PM Express Chipset
  - Intel® PRO/Wireless 2200BG Network Connection 802.11b/g
- Microsoft® Windows® XP Home Edition
- Microsoft® Office OneNote™ 2003
- Toshiba ConfigFree™ Connectivity Doctor
- 256MB DDR SDRAM/40GB HDD with shock absorber
- CD-RW/DVD-ROM combo drive
- 15.0" (38.1cm) XGA TFT display with Clear SuperView technology
- ATI Mobility Radeon X300 with 64MB Video RAM
- Toshiba Express Media Player allows quick play startup of DVD and CD
- Internal harman/kardon® stereo speakers with SRS TruSurround XT™ sound technology
- Integrated Bluetooth®, 6-in-1card reader, 4 x USB 2.0, i.LINK (IEEE1394) and Fast InfraRed port
- 1-Year carry-in International Limited Warranty (parts and labor)

P99,990

FREE! iPod Shuffle 512MB
**Total worth: P7,000**

*Promotion is also valid for:*
**Satellite A80-P440 (PSA80L-03U003) 1.7GHz at P109,990**
**Satellite A80-P445 (PSA80L-03V003) 1.8GHz at P119,990**

**Satellite M40-P535** NEW ARRIVAL!
Model No: PSM40L-02N00C
**Enjoy instant-on multimedia with widescreen Clear SuperView display technology.**

- Intel® Centrino™ Mobile Technology
  - Intel® Pentium® M Processor 730 (1.60GHz, 533MHz Front Side Bus, 2MB L2 Cache)
  - Intel® 915PM Express Chipset
  - Intel® PRO/Wireless 2200BG Network Connection 802.11b/g
- Microsoft® Windows® XP Home Edition
- Microsoft® Office OneNote™ 2003
- Toshiba ConfigFree™ Connectivity Doctor
- 512MB DDR SDRAM/60GB HDD with shock absorber
- CD-RW/DVD-ROM combo drive
- Super Bright 15.4" (39.1cm) WXGA TFT display
- NVIDIA® GeForce™ Go6600 with 64MB Video RAM and rotational image support with NVIDIA® NVRotate
- Toshiba Express Media Player allows quick play startup of DVD and CD
- Internal harman/kardon® stereo speakers with SRS TruSurround XT™ sound technology
- Integrated Bluetooth®, 6-in-1 card reader, ExpressCard™ slot, i.LINK® (IEEE1394) and Fast InfraRed port
- 1-Year carry-in International Limited Warranty (parts and labor)

P114,990

FREE! Kodak CX7300 Digital Camera
**Total worth: P8,000**

DTI-NCR Permit #2943 Series of 2005

*Promotion is also valid for:*
**Satellite M40-P545 (PSM40L-04800C) 1.73 GHz at P124,990**
**Satellite M40-P535 (PSM40L-04900D) 1.87GHz at P124,990**

Toshiba Global Support Centre InTouch with You
**For warranty and technical support, please call 24x7 toll-free: 1800 165 10441**

**Toshiba Mobile Computing Partner:**
**Tricom Dynamics, Inc.** www.tricom.com.ph
**MAKATI** Metro House Bldg., 345 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave. Tel: 890-6525 to 32 Fax: 890-0698 • **CEBU** Tel: 253-6517; 232-6391 Fax: 231-0681 • **DAVAO** Tel: 227-4137 to 38 Fax: 227-4147 • **CAGAYAN DE ORO** Tel: 22-733-158; 855-5388 Fax: 22-733-273

**shopToshiba Reseller:**
**shopToshiba @ Complink** Cyberzone, SM City North EDSA North Avenue corner EDSA, Quezon City 920-9140 to 41 or 929-2894

**Authorized Dealers:**

intel inside centrino MOBILE TECHNOLOGY

Satellite

Choose freedom.
www.pc.toshiba-asia.com

# Pre-need woes take toll on insurance sector

By Michelle V. Remo

THE PROBLEM besetting the pre-need sector is now taking its toll on the entire insurance industry, with life insurance companies admitting they are now having difficulty selling their products.

"Definitely, we are affected because the public does not see the distinction between the two industries. Our sales teams have to work much harder this year than in the past," Renato de Dios, president and chief operating officer of Manulife Philippines Inc., said during an insurance industry forum held yesterday in Makati.

With the problems encountered by College Assurance Plan and Pacific Plans in servicing their obligations to plan holders, people now doubt the stability of insurance companies, De Dios said.

Insurance companies are now being bombarded with inquiries from clients regarding their financial standing, he said.

But Victor Quisumbing, president and chief operating officer of Philippine Axa Life Insurance Corp., said insurance companies were keeping the growth targets they set for the year. He, however, said sales people would have to embark on an aggressive information campaign about the financial standing of the insurance industry to meet the targets.

The insurance industry has projected a 20-percent growth both in sales volume and in industry networth for this year, said Actuarial Advisors Inc. chair Mabini Juan.

He said that in 2003, the insurance industry's networth averaged at P57 billion, registering an 8.72-percent growth from the P37.5 billion recorded in 1998.

The industry has yet to provide financial data for 2004.

"Clearly, we have a solid financial standing and we do not have solvency problems," he said.

Juan added that the reserves of the insurance industry grew by 19 percent in 2003 to P115.13 billion, from only P48.1 billion in 1998. He also noted that total industry revenues grew by 15.73 percent to P40.2 billion in 2003 from only P19.4 billion in 1998.

Juan said a major difference between the insurance and pre-need industries was the manner by which they extended benefits to plan holders. He said insurance firms had always been giving benefits with fixed values, whereas pre-need companies used to provide benefits whose amounts were dependent on the ever-increasing cost of education and memorial services.

He noted that it was only in the 1990s when pre-need firms shifted from offering traditional (which gives flexible amounts of benefits) to fixed-value benefits.

While the basic service of insurance firms is to give provision to financial risk associated with death, the services of pre-need companies include coverage for cost of education and memorial services, and retirement benefits. The continuing rise in tuition was blamed for the financial problems of Pacific Plans.

"Inflation assumptions by pre-need companies were lower than the actual, so they had to shoulder unseen additional liabilities," said Juan. On the other hand, he said, insurance companies always know the exact cost of liabilities they have to meet in the future because their benefits have fixed cost.

## Lifetime Plans . . .

From page B1

hearing on the revocation.

He also said "it is not true that it [Lifetime] failed to comply with the SEC requirements."

"Contrary to the SEC's order, it had been complying with the SEC's directives to present proofs of transfer to Lifetime of the assets conveyed by virtue of the spin-off," Torres stressed.

The SEC, in the order, said it found Lifetime's submissions "insufficient" but it did not indicate or explain why, or in what manner the submissions were "insufficient."

Lifetime said that the move by the SEC has effectively put in limbo the payment of benefits to its more than 400,000 plan holders and the employment of 14,400 employees and agents of Lifetime.

Some 53 sales agents also signed yesterday a manifesto lamenting the SEC order.

More than half of these sales agents met with the media yesterday expressing indignation at the SEC order dissolving Lifetime.

Ronald Arciaga, spokesperson and sales agent of Lifetime, said the revocation order was hastily made without notice or warning to Lifetime.

Ben Fernandez, another sales agent, said their group was appealing to the SEC to help rebuild the industry and clarify its order to the public.

"The SEC has, in effect, deprived the plan holders the right to enjoy the payment of benefits from their investments," the sales agents said in their manifesto.

*Elizabeth L. Sanchez*

Learn more about the future computer at xpc.com.ph
xpc.com.ph
PLDT:(02)724-1014

| PRULINK | PRU LIFE U.K. | |
|---|---|---|
| Investments of Variable Life Insurance Contracts | Current Week May 24, 2005 | Last Week May 17, 2005 |
| Bond Fund - Peso | 1.24554 | 1.24277 |
| Managed Fund - Peso | 1.34212 | 1.33835 |
| Bond Fund - US Dollar | 1.1058 | 1.0937 |

* Note. These investments of variable life insurance contracts are not mutual funds. Life insurance products are regulated by the Insurance Commission.

| INSULAR LIFE | UNIT PRICES (in Php) | |
|---|---|---|
| Investment Funds of Wealth Builder | May 23, 2005 | May 16, 2005 |
| Fixed Income Fund | 1.029654 | 1.022976 |
| Balanced Fund | 1.014142 | 1.008811 |
| Equity Fund | 0.978792 | 0.976441 |

These investment funds are specific to variable life insurance contracts and are not considered mutual funds. Life insurance products are regulated by the Insurance Commission.
The weekly unit prices are also available at www.insularlife.com.ph.

KARL EDWARD INTERNATIONAL, INC.
invites you to join the city's ultimate shopping events this season!
Shopping in the city will never be the same!!

shop @
le Pavillon
Metropolitan Park
bazaar

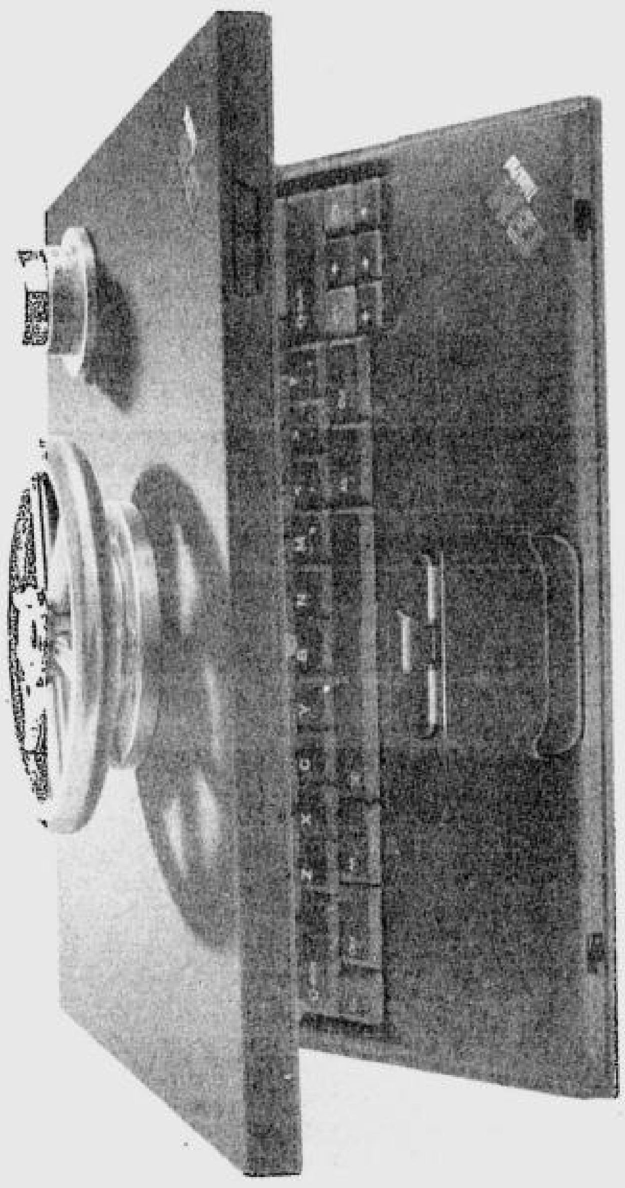
A serious shopper's paradise, Le Pavillon offers some of the biggest names in clothing, household products, gift items, and much more... all at prices you can't resist. Nowhere else can you find such high value merchandise at such reasonable prices!

Visit this unique shopping venue, experience the new kind of shopping style, and be amazed at what you will find!

FEATURING PHILIPPINE PRODUCTS FOR EXPORT
MAY 28-29, 2005
9:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.
Le Pavillon Roxas Boulevard Pasay City
Call Now for Inquiries: 372-8453 / 374-3726

ThinkPad recommends Microsoft® Windows® XP Professional for Business.

intel inside centrino MOBILE TECHNOLOGY



LOSE THE WIRES.
AND, WHILE YOU'RE AT IT,
LOSE THE HACKERS.

ThinkPad R50e
DISTINCTIVE INNOVATIONS
Rescue & Recovery™ - Push-of-a-button data backup and recovery
SYSTEM FEATURES
Intel® Centrino™ Mobile Technology
Intel® Pentium® M Processor 725 (1.6GHz)
Intel® PRO/Wireless 802.11b/g
Microsoft® Windows® XP Professional
256MB DDR, 40GB hard drive
FREE Kensington Cable Lock
THINK EXPRESS PRICE
PhP79,995' (1834FPA)

ThinkPad R50e
DISTINCTIVE INNOVATIONS
Rescue & Recovery™ - Push-of-a-button data backup and recovery
SYSTEM FEATURES
Intel® Centrino™ Mobile Technology
Intel® Pentium® M Processor 715 (1.5GHz)
Intel® PRO/Wireless 802.11b/g
Microsoft® Windows® XP Home
256MB DDR, 40GB hard drive
FREE USB Travel Mouse
THINK EXPRESS PRICE
P hP72,395' (1834PKA)

BEST WIRELESS DATA PROTECTION. ONLY ON A THINKPAD.
Hackers, beware. ThinkPad® notebooks with Intel® Centrino™ Mobile Technology, allow users to work wirelessly with greater freedom. And their work will be protected because select ThinkPad notebooks offer an extra layer of data protection – a vault-like combination of a built-in security chip, data encryption software and an Integrated Fingerprint Reader. And we're the only ones to offer wireless PCs with this level of security as a standard feature. So users can be wireless. Withouthaving to be defenseless. Find out more at thinkpad.com/sg/security.

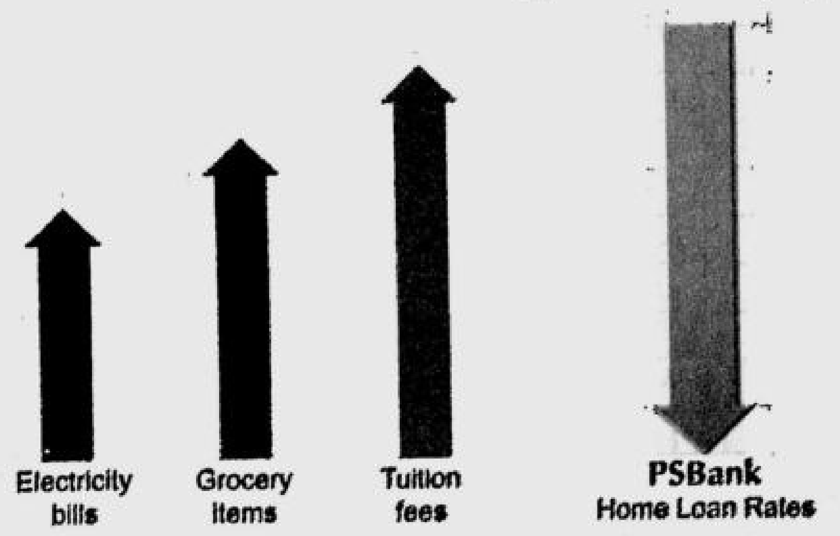
With the Think Express Program, ThinkPad notebooks are preconfigured with your business, and your budget, in mind.

995 2426 I 1 800 1888 1426 I thinkpad.com/security
ThinkPad is a product of Lenovo.
ThinkPad.

Partners: ABC Computers Co, Inc. • Accent Micro Products, Inc. • Advance Microsystems Inc. • Advance Solutions, Inc. • Aries IT Systems • ATP Peripherals Phils., Inc. • Axis Computers • Axus International, Inc. • Ayala Systems Technology Inc. • Columbia Technologies, Inc. • Eco I.T. Solutions Corporation • Electroworld Office Systems • Information Products Corporation • MG Business Systems, Inc. • Micro Image Company, Ltd. • Micro Pacific Technologies & Systems Corporation • Microbase, Inc. • Microphase Enterprise Company • Northgate Technologies, Inc. • Productivity Tech Services, Inc. • Questronix Corporation • Silicon Valley Computer Center • Valueline Systems & Solutions Corporation • Villman Computer Systems, Inc. • Virtuality Information Technology Systems • Zenshin Systems Corporation
Corporate Resellers: American Techologies, Inc. • Creative Technologies Inc. • Ng Khai Development Corporation • Personal Computer Specialists, Inc. • SM Equicom Computer Services, Inc. • Unison Computer Systems, Inc.

© Lenovo 2005. All rights reserved. ThinkPad and ThinkVantage are trademarks of Lenovo. Microsoft and Windows are registered trademarks of Microsoft Corporation. Certain Microsoft software product(s) included with this computer may use technological measures for copy protection. IN SUCH EVENT, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO USE THE PRODUCT IF YOU DO NOT FULLY COMPLYWITH THE PRODUCT ACTIVATION PROCEDURES. Product activation procedures and Microsoft's privacy policy will be detailed during initial launch of the product, or upon certain reinstallations for the software product(s) or reconfigurations of the computer, and may be completed by Internet or telephone (toll charges may apply). Intel, Intel logo, Intel Inside, Intel Inside logo, Intel Centrino, Intel Centrino logo, Celeron, Intel Xeon, Intel SpeedStep, Itanium, and Pentium are trademarks or registered trade-marks of Intel Corporation or its subsidiaries in the United States and other countries. 'While stocks last.

While your expenses are going UP...
Home loan rates of PSBank are going DOWN!



Secure your home loan now with PSBank's LOWEST rates ever!

| FIXING PERIOD | INTEREST RATE* | MONTHLY AMORTIZATION** |
|---|---|---|
| 1 - year | 10.50% | P 9,984 |
| 2 - year | 11.00% | P10,322 |
| 3 - year | 11.25% | P10,493 |
| 5 - year | 11.50% | P10,665 |

* Rates apply only for new loan releases where purpose is acquisition, construction or refinancing. Rates are subject to change without prior notice.
** For every loan amount of P1,000,000 with a 20-year loan term.

Apply at any PSBank branch nationwide.
For more information, call 888-5194, 885-8212,
885-8208 loc. 8404, 8407 or 8409,
or text PSBANK HOME AD
<your name> <landline nos.> <e-mail address>
to 2327 for Globe users & 0917-8902327 for non-Globe users.

PSBank
Home RATE PROTECT
PSBank Center, 777 Paseo de Roxas cor. Sedeño St., Makati City

# SMC wins control of NatFoods

**By Elizabeth L. Sanchez**

NEW ZEALAND dairy exporter Fonterra Cooperative Group has agreed to sell to San Miguel Corp. its 19.9-percent stake in Australian dairy giant National Foods Ltd.

An INQUIRER source in Australia said that with Fonterra's stake, SMC will end up with a total interest of 76.3 percent in National Foods. NatFoods shareholders had accepted SMC's offer to buy a majority stake in the company at A$6.40 per share.

Fonterra earlier said that it would sell its 19.9-percent stake in National Foods to SMC if its offer was unconditional.

SMC earlier declared its bid for National Foods unconditional. It said it would no longer impose a condition that required a 50 percent minimum acceptance by National Foods stockholders.

The source said that as of press time, SMC was still awaiting a confirmation from Fonterra on its acceptance of the offer.

Bloomberg, quoting Fonterra spokesperson John Redwood, yesterday reported that the New Zealand company had accepted SMC's A$6.40-a-share offer for its 19-percent holding in National Foods Ltd.

Fonterra's stake would give SMC the control of Australia's biggest publicly traded dairy company and a third of the country's A$3.5 billion ($2.7 billion) dairy industry.

SMC's offer to buy National Foods will close on June 10. Shareholders have until then to accept SMC's offer. Early last month SMC beat rival bidder Fonterra in the race for National Foods after Fonterra backed out of its bid to control the dairy company. Fonterra and SMC have been locked in a six-month-long race for control of National Foods.

SMC offered to buy National Foods at A$1.9 billion , topping Fonterra's A$1.84 billion offer. Fonterra later withdrew its offer and agreed to sell its 19-percent stake in the company.

SMC's A$6.40 offer equals the highest price paid for National Foods shares on the Australian Stock Exchange and is at the higher end of National Foods' own board valuation of A$6.01 to $6.55.

SMC is setting aside P15 billion in capital expenditures until 2006 to finance its new beverage plants in Thailand, Indonesia and Vietnam.

BAYAN/TEL Management Association of the Philippines SMART

In cooperation with SAS Institute (Philippines), Inc.

present 4th MAP International CEO Conference

Conference Theme:

Change or Perish The choice is yours!

19 October 2005, Wednesday
Rizal Ballroom, Makati Shangri-La

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

The MAP International CEO Conference is an annual gathering of business leaders and executives with the aim of taking stock of how business is embracing change and reverse the trend of seeming helplessness. It brings to the fore "Change Masters" - storing examples of leaders who have reinvented their companies, their products, their processes, their cultures, their industries, themselves.

In one day, we shall listen to real stories of real companies who have survived countless challenges in their respective operating arenas – CEOs, business leaders, academicians and management experts who bring new perspectives to old and new problems.

5- FOLD CONFERENCE BENEFIT.

- Intimate interactions with real-life change masters who have successfully expanded the boundaries of their businesses beyond comfort zones and despite very strong restraining forces in the environment
- First-hand access and exposure to business models that have evolved with the ever-changing demands of markets and customers, and in the face of stiff competition from local, regional and global players
- Acquisition and appreciation of how business break-throughs are achieved even when an organization is under siege on all fronts
- Tapping into the latest thinking with respect to leadership and embracing change as the best ally in business, government and private life
- Appreciation of strategies of change masters in separating the truly urgent and important aspects of their jobs from everything else. Leading, managing and living a balanced life can be an attainable goal.

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS:

*Ms. TERESITA SY-COSON*
President, SM Group of Companies
No. 47 in FORTUNE magazine's *"50 Most Powerful Women"*

*Mr. JIM DAVIS*
Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer, SAS Institute
No. 8 in the FORTUNE's *"100 Best Companies to Work For"*

*Mr. RAMON R. DEL ROSARIO, JR.*
President, PHINMA

*Mr. CARLOS C. EJERCITO*
President and COO, United Laboratories, Inc.

*Mr. EUGENIO LOPEZ III*
Chair, Bayantel/ABS-CBN

*Mr. DANIEL M. MORAN*
President, Red Ribbon, Inc.

*Mr. NAPOLEON L. NAZARENO*
President and CEO, Smart/PILTEL

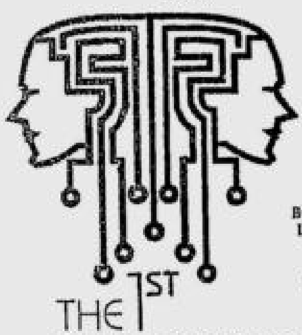
| RESERVATION FORM | MAP MEMBER | NON-MEMBER |
|---|---|---|
| EARLY BIRD RATE | | |
| May 1 - June 30 | P 4,995 | P 6,995 |
| July 1 - 31 | P 5,995 | P 7,995 |
| August 1 - 31 | P 6,995 | P 8,995 |
| September 1 - 30 | P 7,995 | P9,995 |
| REGULAR RATE (Oct 1 - Oct 19) | P 8,995 | P 10,995 |

For Private Sector
For every 5 paid seats = get 1 free seat
For every 10 paid seats = get 3 free seats
For 100, 000 worth of sponsorships = get 1 free seats

For Academe and Government
For every 2 paid seats = get 1 free seat

Sponsors:
PLATINUM
DIAMOND BusinessWorld Microsoft
SILVER
BRONZE Philippine Airlines

For Sponsorship Opportunities and Reservations,
please contact the MAP Secretariat at
< mapsec@globenet.com.ph >
751- 1149 to 52 or
Conference Committee Chair
Franco G. Del Rosario at
< sixsigma@pldtdsl.net >



Microsoft SMART COMPUTERWORLD
Present

THE 1ST PHILIPPINE SUMMIT ON WOMEN & TECHNOLOGY
July 14, 2005 8:30am-5:30pm
Dusit Hotel Nikko, Makati City

Co-presented by the Women's Business Council and ITAP – Information Technology Association of the Philippines

EMPOWERING WOMEN IN THE HI-TECH WORKPLACE!

You've seen them do wonders in the home and for their families, now see how they've done the same in the high-tech workplace. High-powered women, from entrepreneurs to executives in the IT industry and the corporate world, have been invited to talk, inspire, and empower, showing you the potentials that lie in the women's market.

Sessions and invited speakers:

**NINA AGUAS. Leveraging Technology to Deliver Great Customer Service**
* Country Manager for Global Consumer Market, Citibank

**SOCORRO RAMOS. Celebrating Women Achievers**
* The story of Socorro Ramos, Founder of National Bookstore and now Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year

**SANDY PRIETO-ROMUALDEZ. High-Tech, High-Touch Leadership**
* CEO, Philippine Daily Inquirer, voted by Asia Inc. as one of the most influential women in Asia

**TECHNOSCOPE**
* An exclusive peek into life-changing technologies of the future presented by industry experts

**Wellness in the High-Tech Workplace**
TINA JUAN shares the latest health issues that face women as well as tips on how to achieve health in a techno-stress induced environment

**Breakthroughs in Science and Technology for Women's Health**
by ST. LUKE'S MEDICAL CENTER

**ROSELLE AMBUBUYOG. Profile of passion and persistence**
* IT Consultant. One of the most sought after inspirational speakers in the Philippines who, against all odds, achieved excellence in her field of math (summa cum laude, Ateneo) and now, technology despite being blind since the age of six

**WWW: Wisdom for Women in the [High-Tech] Workplace** (Forum)
* WILMA CRUZ (CIO, Smart Communications, Inc.)
* ATTY. LORNA PATAJO-KAPUNAN (Senior Partner, Roco Kapunan Migallos Perez & Luna Law Office)
* NIEVES CONFESOR, former Labor Secretary and former Dean of the Asian Institute of Management
* FE AGONCILLO-REYES (Executive Director, CITEM)
Moderated by:
* DITTAS AÑONUEVO-FORMOSO (ITAP President and Microsoft executive)
* CYNTHIA MAMON (Managing Director, Sun Microsystems)

And much more!

**Reserve now and SAVE P800 from the Regular Rate if you pay on or before June 6, 2005.**

**For Sponsorship and Exhibit Opportunities call Gina at 813-2732/03 or email sivguru@pldtdsl.net before June 6 to get the best rates.**

Early Bird Rate: **P3,777**
***(until June 6 only)***
Regular Rate: **P4,577**
NGO/Academe Rate: **P2,577**
***(valid ID required)***
***Group Rate: available upon request***

"The Women's market is opportunity number one!" - Tom Peters, Management Guru

INQUIRER BCD•PINPOINT TOWN

**For Sponsorship and Exhibit Opportunities call Gina at 813-2732/03 or email sivguru@pldtdsl.net before June 6 to get the best rates.**

MDI Starts NEW SINAI MDI HOSPITAL Construction

On May 3, 2005, MDI signs contract with Datem, Inc. for the Construction of New Sinai MDI Hospital, Phase I project of MDI. The event took place at Cafe de Asie, Bellevue Hotel in Alabang, Muntinlupa City. Witnessed by MDI Core Group members and Datem, Inc. representatives.

New Sinai MDI Hospital is a modern tertiary hospital which eventually be a 100-bed medical center, owned and operated by MDI, a SEC registered corporation since 1995. This is located in a 4,800 square meter lot along National Highway, Tagapo, Sta. Rosa, Laguna just across Robinson's Place and a few meters from SM - Sta. Rosa.

Phase 2 of the plan covers a commercial and appartele complex that will cater the needs of patients and their visiting relatives and friends. The commercial center will have a wide selection of fine dining; fastfood restaurants; cafes; banks and 24-hour convenience stores. The appartele will house the students; resident physicians; consultants and visiting relatives with the luxury of a hotel accommodation and relaxation amenities such as swimming pool, fitness center and spa.

A school will likewise be established to train students in paramedical specialties.

The hospital will be a referral center in and around the province of Laguna namely, San Pedro, Biñan, Sta. Rosa, Cabuyao, Calamba, Carmona-GMA, Cavite; and Sto. Tomas, Batangas.

Our Specialists are mostly from other tertiary hospitals such as Asian Hospital; St. Luke's Medical Center, Makati Medical Center and Medical City.

You can avail of the Medical and Diagnostic services which are readily available at MDI Clinic, situated beside the hospital.

Proposed New Sinai MDI Hospital Complex
National Highway, Brgy. Tagapo, Sta. Rosa
(across Robinson's Place)
PHASE 2 & 3
PHASE 1
NEW SINAI MDI HOSPITAL

05/03/2005 20 05

Seated (L-R) MDI Core members:Dr. Cleofe Arciaga, Mrs. Nelia Barlis,Dr. Ronaldo Lopez-Chairman,Construction Committee; Dr. Rosalinda P. Deala -President / CEO, MDI; Engr. Morris S. Agoncillo-Executive Vice-President/Director, Datem, Inc.; Dr. Ningthoukhongjam I. Singh, Chairman.

Standing (L-R) Liza Chua-Operations Oficer, MDI; Engr. Ricardo C. Sison III, Project Consultant,MDI; Arch. Arnulfo P. de Asis-Director, Datem Inc.; Dr. Agustin L. Ceniza; Dr. Aries S. Silva; Mr. Aladin A. Simundac; Dr. Lilia D. Tatlonghari; Dr. Cesar D. Martin and Dr. Emmanuel A. Padilla.

MDI Core Members not shown in the pictures are: Dr. Miriam T. Badr; Dr. Agnes V. Barrientos; Dr. Joel Colasito; Mr. Napoleon M. Francisco; Mrs. Melly Kaur; Atty. Marcia Gina L. Lopez; Dr. Emmanuel S. Masanga; Dr. Menzi V. Orellana; Mr. Reverdy C. Pineda; Dr. Jose P. Santiago; Dr. Maria Rita V. Santos; Dr. Jose V. Yason Jr.

## PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of May 26, 2005)

| NAME | OPEN | HIGH | LOW | CLOSE | VOLUME |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES** | | | | | |
| **BANKS** | | | | | |
| Bank of the Phil. Islands | 48 | 48 | 47 | 48 | 1,020,600 |
| China Banking Corp. | 735 | 750 | 735 | 750 | 6,540 |
| Citystate Savings Bank | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 200 |
| Export and Ind. Bank Inc. | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 740,000 |
| Equitable PCI Bank Inc. | 48.5 | 48.5 | 48 | 48.5 | 73,200 |
| International Exch. Bank | 18.5 | 18.5 | 18.5 | 18.5 | 1,500 |
| Metropolitan Bank & Trust | 31 | 31.5 | 30.5 | 31 | 384,500 |
| Philippine National Bank | 33 | 33 | 33 | 33 | 33,000 |
| Phil. Savings Bank | 32 | 33.5 | 32 | 33.5 | 13,000 |
| Rizal Comm. Banking Corp. | 11.5 | 11.5 | 11.5 | 11.5 | 23,000 |
| Security Bank Corp. | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 2,000 |
| Union Bank of the Phil. | 26.5 | 27 | 26.5 | 27 | 60,100 |
| **FINANCIAL SERVICES** | | | | | |
| Bankard Inc. | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 50,000 |
| First Metro Invest. Corp. | 270 | 270 | 270 | 270 | 50 |
| PCI Leasing & Fin. Inc. | 1.02 | 1.02 | 1.02 | 1.02 | 24,000 |
| Sun Life Financial Inc. | 1680 | 1680 | 1675 | 1675 | 320 |
| **COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL** | | | | | |
| **COMMUNICATION** | | | | | |
| ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp. | 12.25 | 12.25 | 12.25 | 12.25 | 17,400 |
| Digital Telecom Phils Inc. | 1.04 | 1.04 | 1 | 1.02 | 3,682,000 |
| Globe Telecom Inc. | 825 | 825 | 815 | 820 | 28,860 |
| Ipeople Inc. | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 87,000 |
| Island Info and Tech Inc. | 0.041 | 0.041 | 0.041 | 0.041 | 500,000 |
| ISM Communications Corp. | 0.048 | 0.05 | 0.048 | 0.049 | 1,400,000 |
| Pilipino Tel. Corp. | 3.15 | 3.15 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 1,555,000 |
| Phil. Long Dis Tel Co. | 1440 | 1450 | 1435 | 1440 | 54,950 |
| Philweb Corp. | 0.016 | 0.016 | 0.015 | 0.016 | 7,800,000 |
| POWER, ENERGY & OTHER UTILITIES | | | | | |
| Manila Electric Co. A | 15.5 | 15.5 | 15.5 | 15.5 | 3,600 |
| Manila Electric Co. B | 22.25 | 22.25 | 22 | 22 | 150,200 |
| Manila Water Co. Inc. | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 7,001,000 |
| Petron Corp. | 3.2 | 3.25 | 3.15 | 3.2 | 2,144,000 |
| Trans-Asia Oil and Energy | 1.12 | 1.12 | 1.12 | 1.12 | 70,000 |
| **TRANSPORTATION SERVICES** | | | | | |
| Aboitiz Trans. Sys. Corp. | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 3,000 |
| Int'l Container Term'l Sv | 7.3 | 7.3 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 263,000 |
| Keppel Phils. Marine Inc. | 0.59 | 0.59 | 0.59 | 0.59 | 90,000 |
| Lorenzo Shipping Corp. | 1.02 | 1.06 | 1.02 | 1.04 | 51,000 |
| **CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS** | | | | | |
| Engineering Equip. Inc. | 0.54 | 0.54 | 0.54 | 0.54 | 160,000 |
| **FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO** | | | | | |
| Alaska Milk Corp. | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 46,000 |
| Ginebra San Miguel Inc. | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 2,000 |
| Jollibee Foods Corp. | 29 | 29 | 29 | 29 | 248,800 |
| Pancake House Inc. | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 50,000 |
| San Miguel Pure Foods B | 74.5 | 74.5 | 74.5 | 74.5 | 30 |
| Swift Food Inc. | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 20,000 |
| San Miguel Corp. A | 57.5 | 58.5 | 57.5 | 58.5 | 47,400 |
| San Miguel Corp. B | 84 | 84.5 | 84 | 84.5 | 183,700 |
| Universal Robina Corp. | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 98,200 |
| Vitarich Corp. | 0.27 | 0.27 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 120,000 |
| **HOLDING FIRMS** | | | | | |
| Abacus Con Res & Hdg A | 0.0075 | 0.0075 | 0.0075 | 0.0075 | 9,000,000 |
| Abacus Con Res & Hdg B | 0.008 | 0.0085 | 0.008 | 0.0085 | 30,000,000 |
| Ayala Corp. | 6.6 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 2,006,000 |
| Alsons Cons. Res. Inc. | 0.39 | 0.39 | 0.39 | 0.39 | 170,000 |
| Aboitiz Equity Ventures | 4.8 | 4.85 | 4.8 | 4.85 | 703,000 |
| A. Soriano Corp. | 1.94 | 1.94 | 1.94 | 1.94 | 112,000 |
| APC Group Inc. | 0.27 | 0.29 | 0.27 | 0.29 | 80,000 |
| Baguio Gold Holdings Corp. | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 80,000 |
| Bacnotan Cons Indus Inc. | 11.25 | 11.25 | 11.25 | 11.25 | 6,600 |
| Benpres Holdings Corp. | 0.93 | 0.93 | 0.93 | 0.93 | 1,740,000 |
| Basic Consolidated Inc. | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 40,000 |
| CADP Group Corp. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 50,000 |
| Crown Equities Inc. | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 850,000 |
| Southeast Asian Cement | 0.29 | 0.29 | 0.28 | 0.28 | 1,080,000 |
| DMCI Holdings Inc. | 2.44 | 2.46 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 534,000 |
| Fil-Hispano Holdings Corp. | 8 | 8 | 7.9 | 7.9 | 21,000 |
| First Phil Hldgs Corp. | 44.5 | 44.5 | 43.5 | 43.5 | 86,000 |
| Forum Pacific Inc. | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 250,000 |
| Global Equities Inc. | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 300,000 |
| House Of Investments Inc. | 1.2 | 1.24 | 1.2 | 1.24 | 500,000 |
| Ionics Inc. | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 10,000 |
| J.G. Summit Holdings Inc. | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 10,000 |
| Macroasia Corp. | 1.72 | 1.74 | 1.7 | 1.74 | 32,000 |
| Megaworld Corp. | 1.34 | 1.34 | 1.34 | 1.34 | 920,000 |
| Metro Pacific Corp. | 0.34 | 0.34 | 0.34 | 0.34 | 3,840,000 |
| Roxas Holdings Inc. | 0.93 | 0.93 | 0.92 | 0.92 | 950,000 |
| Solid Group Inc. | 0.49 | 0.49 | 0.49 | 0.49 | 50,000 |
| SM Investments Corp. | 247 | 248 | 247 | 248 | 169,100 |
| Uniwide Holdings Inc. | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.16 | 1,160,000 |
| **MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING** | | | | | |
| Music Semiconductors Corp. | 1.16 | 1.16 | 1.16 | 1.16 | 8,000 |
| Mabuhay Vinyl Corp. | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 50,000 |
| HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHERS | | | | | |
| Belle Corp. | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1,220,000 |
| Leisure & Resorts Corp. | 1.24 | 1.26 | 1.22 | 1.22 | 700,000 |
| Manila Jockey Club | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 6,948,000 |
| **BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS** | | | | | |
| ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr) | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 236,000 |
| PLDT (10% Pref) Series P | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 500 |
| PLDT (10% Pref) Series W | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 1,400 |
| OTHERS | | | | | |
| Centro Escolar University | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 5,000 |
| **PROPERTY** | | | | | |
| Ayala Land Inc. | 7.2 | 7.4 | 7.2 | 7.3 | 2,952,000 |
| Cebu Holdings Inc. | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 110,000 |
| C & P Homes Inc. | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 470,000 |
| Cyber Bay Corp. | 0.19 | 0.19 | 0.19 | 0.19 | 510,000 |
| Empire East Land Inc. | 0.35 | 0.35 | 0.34 | 0.34 | 3,110,000 |
| Filinvest Land Inc. | 1.4 | 1.42 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 2,919,000 |
| Highlands Prime Inc. | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 20,000 |
| SM Prime Holdings Inc. | 7.4 | 7.4 | 7.3 | 7.3 | 2,885,000 |
| **MINING** | | | | | |
| Abra Mining & Industrial | 0.006 | 0.0065 | 0.006 | 0.0065 | 4,000,000 |
| Atlas Cons. Min & Dev't | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 50,000 |
| Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.29 | 0.29 | 4,460,000 |
| Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co B | 0.31 | 0.31 | 0.29 | 0.29 | 6,220,000 |
| Manila Mining Corp. A | 0.013 | 0.013 | 0.012 | 0.013 | 50,500,000 |
| Manila Mining Corp. B | 0.017 | 0.018 | 0.017 | 0.017 | 81,000,000 |
| Omico Corp. | 0.006 | 0.0065 | 0.006 | 0.006 | 36,000,000 |
| Philex Mining Corp. A | 0.84 | 0.85 | 0.83 | 0.85 | 420,000 |
| Philex Mining Corp. B | 0.97 | 1 | 0.97 | 0.99 | 1,850,000 |
| Semirara Mining Corp. | 28 | 28 | 27.5 | 28 | 73,100 |
| **OIL** | | | | | |
| Oriental Pet. & Min. A | 0.0055 | 0.0055 | 0.0055 | 0.0055 | 20,000,000 |
| Oriental Pet. & Min. B | 0.006 | 0.006 | 0.0055 | 0.0055 | 30,000,000 |
| The Philodrill Corp. A | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.27 | 0.28 | 900,000 |
| The Philodrill Corp. B | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 50,000 |
| Petroenergy Res. Corp. | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 3,000 |
| Sinophil Corp. | 0.13 | 0.13 | 0.13 | 0.13 | 760,000 |

## CURRENCIES

| May 26, 2005<br>Country | Unit | Euro Equivalent | Dollar Equivalent | Peso Equivalent |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| United States | Dollar | 0.793273045 | 1.000000 | 54.4480 |
| Japan | Yen | 0.007368 | 0.009288 | 0.5057 |
| United Kingdom | Pound | 1.453118 | 1.831800 | 99.7378 |
| Hongkong | Dollar | 0.101954 | 0.128523 | 6.9978 |
| Switzerland | Franc | 0.646883 | 0.815461 | 44.4002 |
| Canada | Dollar | 0.627788 | 0.791390 | 43.0896 |
| Singapore | Dollar | 0.479116 | 0.603974 | 32.8852 |
| Australia | Dollar | 0.604721 | 0.762311 | 41.5063 |
| Bahrain | Dinar* | 2.104228 | 2.652590 | 144.4282 |
| Saudi Arabia | Rial | 0.21154 | 0.266667 | 14.5195 |
| Brunei | Dollar | 0.477674 | 0.602156 | 32.7862 |
| Indonesia | Rupiah | 0.000084 | 0.000106 | 0.0058 |
| Thailand | Baht | 0.019775 | 0.024928 | 1.3573 |
| UAE | Dirham | 0.215992 | 0.272279 | 14.8250 |
| Euro | Euro | 1 | 1.260600 | 68.6371 |
| India | Rupee | 0.018266 | 0.023026 | 1.2537 |
| Malaysia | Ringgit | 0.208784 | 0.263193 | 14.3303 |
| Mexico | New Peso | 0.072544 | 0.091449 | 4.9792 |
| New Zealand | Dollar | 0.565775 | 0.713216 | 38.8332 |
| Korea | Won | 0.000793 | 0.001000 | 0.0544 |
| Taiwan | Nt Dollar | 0.025296 | 0.031888 | 1.7362 |

# Fitch upgrades . . .

From page B1

raising measure of the Arroyo administration that was signed the other day, is expected to raise P28 billion in additional revenues in the remaining part of the year and as much as P105 billion annually starting 2006.

The law lifts the VAT exemptions of several services and products such as oil and electricity, gives a standby authority to the President to raise the rate from 10 to 12 percent next year, and raises the corporate income tax rate from 32 to 35 percent.

Aside from the VAT law, Congress earlier passed the "sin" taxes bill, which raised the excise tax on cigarettes and alcohol products, and the lateral attrition measure, which provided a reward-and-penalty system for the government's revenue-collecting agencies.

Fitch estimated that the implementation of the revenue-raising measures would trim the national government's budget deficit to only 3.2 percent of the country's gross domestic product this year and 2.7 percent of GDP next year. The assumptions are much better than the 3.9-percent deficit-to-GDP ratio recorded in 2004. The budget deficit was at P187 billion last year.

The ratings firm noted that the country's debt levels were still quite high in 2004 at about 73.4 percent of GDP in 2004 for the national government and 95.6 percent for the entire non-financial public sector.

But it said debt ratios were expected to significantly go down with the fiscal reform measures in place. It said the national government's debt could fall below 70 percent of GDP by the end of 2006.

The announcement by Fitch of its improved outlook on the Philippines came after the national government posted a one-month budget surplus of P3.3 billion in April, the first time in four years.

Fitch said the stable outlook came with the assumption that the government would be able to sustain the implementation of its fiscal reform programs, and avoid the temptation to overspend with the increase in revenue collection.

# Stop the new WTO round

By Ernesto M. Ordoñez

**COMMENTARY**

LAST Monday, May 23, 2005, at the Claudio Teehankee Center for the Rule of Law at the Ateneo de Manila University, Claudio Teehankee's son and bar topnotcher Ambassador Manuel Teehankee gave a briefing on the new WTO (World Trade Organization) round of negotiations to be held in December 2005 in Hong Kong.

The briefing was prepared especially for the Fair Trade Alliance, a private sector group of agricultural and industry organizations headed by its convenor, former Sen. Wigberto Tañada, and executive director and UP professor Rene Ofreneo.

## Background

I had previously worked with Ambassador Teehankee when he was still a private sector lawyer in a successful anti-dumping case against Taiwanese cement companies. I was then Trade and Industry undersecretary in charge of such matters. He had impressed me as very thorough in his work and fully aware of international trade issues such as dumping. I wondered if Teehankee, as the current Philippine Ambassador on WTO matters based in Geneva, Switzerland, had become less sensitive to rapid trade liberalization problems that were adversely affecting our agricultural and industrial sectors.

I was not disappointed. The indication that afternoon was that he would fight for a fair trade regime for our people.

Teehankee presented cross-country comparisons that I have reformatted in the following table:

**Cross Country Comparisons**

| Countries | Average Tariffs | |
|---|---|---|
| | Bound | Applied |
| Philippines(agri only) | 35% | 8% |
| Thailand (agri only) | 36% | 29% |
| Big 4 Developing | 28% | 17% |
| Quads | 7% | 6% |

Let me explain some of the items in the above table. "Big 4 Developing" refers to the developing countries of Brazil, China, India and South Africa. "Quads" refer to the developed countries of the United States, the European Union (EU), Japan and Canada.

Bound tariffs are the maximum levels allowed by the WTO for a country to impose on imported products. Applied tariffs are the actual levels a country imposes upon its own discretion. To avoid the WTO penalties, applied tariffs must be equal to or below bound tariffs.

## Analysis

It should be noted that for agricultural tariffs, the Philippines and Thailand have similar bound tariff levels. However, the Philippines, without adequate consultation with our agricultural sector, unilaterally decided on an applied 8-percent tariff level. This is much lower than our 35-percent bound rate.

Thailand, which has a much stronger agricultural sector and far superior agricultural support services, decided to protect their farmers with an applied tariff rate of 29 percent, much closer to their 36-percent bound rate.

We, therefore, cannot put the blame for our low agricultural tariffs on WTO. This was our government's decision. During the briefing, Teehankee said that in the WTO, the Philippines was considered one of the best pupils of free trade. I do not know if other countries admire this, or consider this the height of naiveté. Thankfully, Teehankee and our agriculture officials such as Secretary Arthur Yap and Undersecretary Segfredo Serrano are now fighting more for fair, rather than free, trade.

Looking at the total tariff levels of the two other categories of countries, namely the Big Four Developing and Quads, we note the differences between their bound and applied rates are 11 percent and 1 percent respectively.

This means that even the more advanced countries try to protect their farmers and industrialists by keeping these differences small. For its part, the Philippines has the largest difference between the average bound and applied rate at an almost unbelievable 27 percent.

## A present danger

Teehankee said that at the WTO this December, there is a move by some powerful, unscrupulous developed countries to impose a 30-percent across the board decrease on all bound rates. This is in spite of the fact that they have refused to substantially cut the very large subsidies they were giving their agricultural sectors. Even though these developed countries have lower tariffs than the developing countries, their subsidies more than make up for the lower tariff protection they have. To be specific, the developed countries give more than US$100 billion in agricultural subsidies yearly while the Philippines provides only US$0.6 billion. This is definitely not fair.

Teehankee joins us in our fight against such moves. But he says the Philippines is a small player, and that the developed countries control much of the power in the WTO. We cannot always get what we want, or what we believe is fair trade. The WTO ship is moving, he says, and if we insist on our stand and do not comply, "the ship will leave without us."

## Philippine position

The Philippines must take a position at the new WTO round of negotiations in Hong Kong this December. We can comply with what some powerful unscrupulous developed nations want (though other developed countries are our allies), or we can unite with other developing countries and create a force in WTO that is more powerful than those unscrupulous developed nations. The WTO ship is not owned by those nations. It has been controlled in the past by them only because we have defaulted by not uniting and organizing earlier.

We hope and will work for the new WTO round to succeed in forging fair trade agreements that will benefit both developing and developed countries. But if some unscrupulous developed countries insist on bullying us to comply with patently unfair agreements, we should not let the WTO ship leave without us. Rather, by organizing properly, we should instead control the ship and if necessary, stop the new WTO round. The Alyansa Agrikultura, the largest farmer-fisherfolk coalition in the country today, recommends that our government representatives take this as the Philippine position.

*(The author is chair of Agriwatch, a private sector initiative; former Cabinet secretary for Presidential Flagship Programs and Projects, and former undersecretary for agriculture and trade and industry. For inquiries and suggestions, email agriwatchphil @ yahoo.com or telefax 8516635)*

---

MEETING DEMAND GROWTH

# New airport in Cebu eyed

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE DEPARTMENT of Transportation and Communication has proposed the construction of a new airport terminal in Cebu to meet growing demand.

Transport Secretary Leandro Mendoza said a new terminal was necessary to meet the expected growth in the number of passengers flying to and from Cebu to 5 million in the next five years, as projected by the Cebu Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

But for the meantime, Mactan Cebu International Airport general manager Adelberto Yap said the government was looking at a P500-million expansion of the existing terminal.

"We are really bursting at the seams. There are days when three 747s would be arriving at the same time. It is really standing room here," said Yap in an interview.

The Cebu airport authority had spent P123 million to rehabilitate the runway, which should be completed by July. The runway should be able to accommodate bigger aircraft.

Yap said the P500-million terminal upgrade would be enough to build another four air bridges and to expand the terminal to a size sufficient to service the projected passenger growth in the next three years.

But a new airport terminal is needed to meet further growth after the third year.

The Cebu airport, according to Yap, served 2.5 million passengers last year and the number has been growing steadily, Mendoza said.

Mendoza said in 2004, the number of international passengers went up by 27 percent and domestic travelers, by 9 percent against the previous year.

"Improving our airport facilities, as well as our other transport systems, is a must to spur commerce and tourism. We have to anticipate our future needs and work accordingly to meet them," said the transport chief.

The DOTC chief noted that the Cebu airport has only one terminal building, which serves both domestic and international flights.

Yap said the Cebu airport terminal was originally designed to handle domestic flights only. But now, more than 8 airlines use Cebu as take-off and landing point for several international flights.

Thank you for making
Equitable PCI Bank a
Gold SuperBrand!

Reader's Digest
Philippines
SUPER
BRAND
2005
voted by consumers
Gold

Your Bank of Choice is a Gold SuperBrand.

Equitable PCI Bank garnered a Gold SuperBrand in the 2005 Reader's Digest Asia SuperBrands Survey of the banking category for the Philippine market. In the most comprehensive, reputable and representative survey of Asian consumers' preferences, Equitable PCI Bank is one of the top of mind banks, and has been chosen as an institution associated with high quality, a strong reputation of trust and value, instills a sense of confidence, and carries a seal of approval from consumers. It's another proof of our commitment to give our best to serve all your banking needs. Because all we do is all for you to be your Bank of Choice.

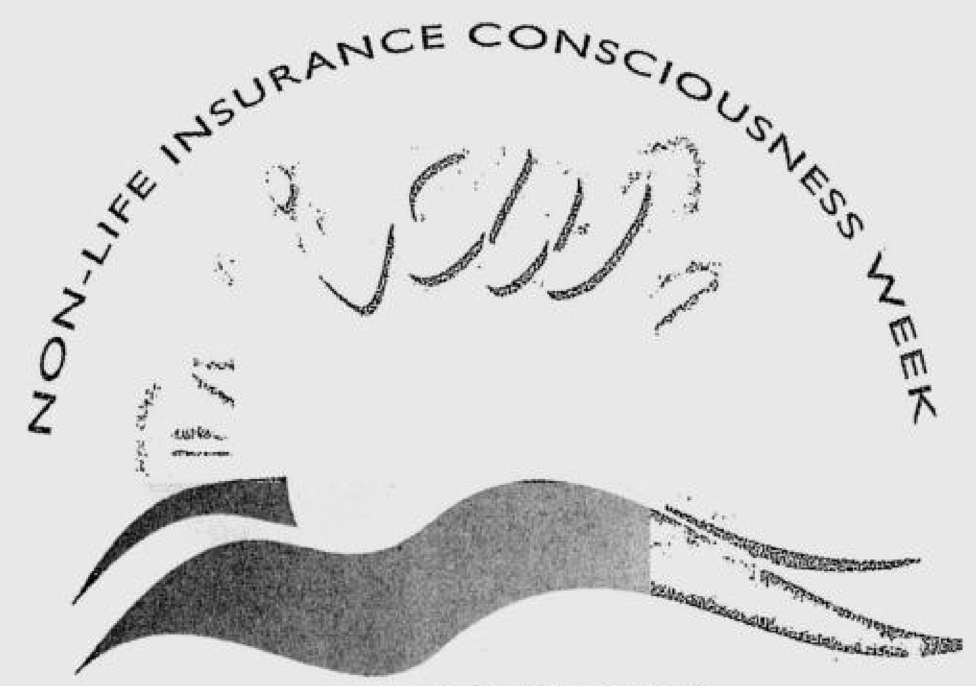
Equitable PCI BANK
Your Bank of Choice

Contact our Call Center at 84-911 (Metro Manila)
PLDT 1-800-188-84-911 and Digitel 1-800-333-84-911 (Provincial)
visit www.equitablepcib.com

# *Non-Life Insurance Consciousness Week*

## Non-Life Insurance
## Its vital role in economic growth

**By Reynaldo A. De Dios**
**Risk & Insurance Management Consultant**



INGATAN
ANG KABUHAYAN
SIGURADUHIN
ANG KINABUKASAN
MAY 23 - 27, 2005

IT IS A SAD commentary but the services of the non-life sector of the insurance industry are not generally understood nor appreciated by the insuring public. As a matter of fact, non-life insurance performs a vital role in the economic growth of the country as it provides protection and peace of mind to industry and commerce including small and medium enterprises as well as private individuals against various risks, both natural and man-made. Under the category of natural risks, are earthquake, tsunami, volcanic eruption, typhoon and flood whilst man-made risks are caused by fire, accidents on land, sea and air, terrorism and criminal acts, liabilities and non-performance of contracts.

To validate our contention that non-life insurance is necessary in today's business and personal needs, allow us to highlight its unrecognized contributions.

The most common non-life product is the comprehensive third party liability (C TPL) insurance, which is legally required before one can have a vehicle registered at the Land Transportation Office. In other words, no vehicle licensed will be issued without C TPL. If the vehicle is financed, the owner is further required to purchase another policy that provides wider coverage against collision damage, fire, carnapping and even losses due to natural perils. The policy is renewed on an annual basis so long as the vehicle loan is not fully paid although the sum insured should be reduced on a yearly basis due to depreciation.

The next most common non-life insurance is against the risk of accidental fire. When one wishes to acquire or build a home with funds from a bank or financial institution, a fire insurance policy on the mortgaged property is a must when the loan is released to the homeowner. Thus, no insurance no loan. As the country has a high risk exposure to earthquake, typhoon and flood, financial institutions often require the inclusion of coverage against these natural perils for high rise buildings and industrial/manufacturing plants.

Commercial and industrial firms including small and medium enterprises (SMEs) that avail of long-term financing from banking institutions will be required to insure their mortgaged properties and inventories as prerequisites to the approval of the loan.

Even importers and exporters will need marine cargo insurance prior to the issuance of the letters of credit by their respective banks. Likewise, owners of shipping vessels would not dare to sail the seas without adequate hull and machinery insurance. Passengers of inter island vessels are also mandated to be insured by the ship owner.

Commercial airlines and private aircrafts cannot fly without the proper insurance protection against all types of accidents including liability to their passengers and crew members.

The construction of commercial buildings, condominiums and townhouses as well as infrastructure projects like roads, bridges, dams and tunnels cannot start without a bidding process where each competing contractor-firm will have to post a bidder's bond to ensure that the winning bidder will not withdraw or back out. Then the contractor will have to obtain a performance bond to guarantee the completion of the project on the basis of the signed contract. Prior to starting construction the contractor will arrange a construction all risks insurance policy to protect his investment or an erection all risks cover if the contract includes installation and testing of machinery and equipment. Finally, the contractor will need a comprehensive coverage for the workers in respect of their legal liability to them in case of work-related accidents.

With the emphasis in good corporate governance as a result of recent worldwide publicized corporate scandals, there is a growing demand for directors and officers liability coverage to protect the interest of shareholders. This is being provided by non-life insurance including professional liability coverage for doctors, accountants, architects, and engineers including insurance and reinsurance brokers. Presently, business enterprises are required to buy general liability policies for the protection of their clients who enter or use their premises.

The creativity of non-life insurance is evidenced by the fact that it has designed special coverages for out of the ordinary risks such as satellites, nuclear power plants, environmental risks, crops like rice and corn, livestock and weather-related risks causing the cancellation of high profile events like the Olympics, concerts and exhibits.

Suretyship which is part of non-life insurance also has an important place in business and in the halls of justice. Example are as follows: cashiers/warehouse personnel need fidelity bonds; those accused in court can avail of bail bonds for their provisional liberty; importers needs customs bonds for release of their goods whilst performance bonds are often required in many types of contracts involving trust and confidence. One cannot imagine a world without non-life insurance in today's complex environment.

On the basis of preliminary figures from the Insurance Commission, the total investments of the non-life sector of the insurance industry as of December 31, 2004, amount to P38.22 billion of which P11.09 billion are investments in government securities representing 29.01 percent thereof.

There should be no doubt that non-life insurance is a worthy partner of the government as its products and services contributes substantially to national economic growth.

## Purisima supports 6th Non-Life Insurance Consciousness Week and the IC Plan

**By Ofelia A. Castillo**
**Supervising Insurance Specialist, IC**

AS MANDATED by Executive Order 143 signed by former President Joseph Estrada in 1999, the 6th Non-Life Insurance Consciousness Week (23-27 May 2005) had its kick-off ceremonies at the Insurance Commission (InsCom). The Philippine Insurers Club (PIC) and Philippine Insurers and Reinsurers Association (PIRA) spearheaded the celebration.

During the opening ceremonies of the 6th year celebration of non-life Insurance Consciousness Week (ICW), the officers and employees of the InsCom joined the officers of the different non-life insurance organizations in welcoming the Honorable Secretary of Finance Cesar V. Purisima. In his extemporaneous speech expounding on the non-life ICW theme of "Ingatan ang Kabuhayan, Siguraduhin ang Kinabukasan", he earned the admiration of his fellow government workers.

Lifting from the national anthem, he pointed out that the country during the 60's and 70's was tagged as the Pearl of the Orient due to its geographic location being the center of emerging economies in the region such Japan to the East, China to the North, India to the West and Australia, New Zealand to the South. Now, we can not claim the same in view of the economic situation that led the country to resort to international borrowings.

However, we have to stop this practice emphasizing the importance of taxation to uplift the economy of the country. The Department of Finance (DOF) has gone after tax evaders and smugglers and firm on the stand that everybody must pay taxes even without going after them. True to this stand, the Secretary divulged that the department had filed a case against two sisters and later against a father and son who had amassed with unexplained wealth while in government service.

FINANCE Sec. Cesar Purisima received a token of appreciation from PIC President Michael Rellosa and PIRA president Herminia Jacinto as keynote speaker during the May 23rd opening ceremonies.

In the process, we must reclaim the country's position as the Pearl of the Orient by making the economic environment more competitive in the light of neighboring countries' fast emerging economies. As with the insurance industry, each company must be competitive with an increased capitalization for both life and non-life sectors to be at par with international counterparts. He underscored the importance of a healthy financial position of insurance companies for the protection of the insuring public.

At this context, he expressed his support to the InsCom's plan of implementing increased capitalization to meet stiff competition from other players in the Asean region.

Ending his speech, he reiterated that we have to adhere to the 6th non-life Insurance Consciuosness Week's slogan "Ingatan ang Kabuhayan, Siguruhin ang Kinabukasan."

The morning was capped with a tree planting activity on a vacant lot beside the InsCom. A motorcade was likewise held which was participated by the various insurance associations, officers of non-life companies and representatives from sponsor companies. It started from the InsCom going to the Binondo area and to Makati City where most insurance companies hold offices.

All in all, it was a festive opening at the InsCom and around Manila for non-life ICW.

## Messages

MY warmest greetings to the Philippine Insurers and Reinsurers Association, Philippine Insurers Club and the Insurance Commission as you spearhead the 6th Non-Life Consciousness Week.

I commend you for your efforts in promoting non-life insurance awareness among our people. Indeed, there is a need to enlighten our people on the importance of securing their properties from various causes like fire and other acts of nature.

In addition to protecting the assets of your clients, you have also contributed to the country's economic growth through the taxes that you paid and the mobilization of your capital for various economic activities.

More power to the non-life insurance industry, and mabuhay!

GMArroyo
GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
President
Republic of the Philippines

MY warm greetings to the member-companies of the Philippine Insurers and Reinsurers Association (PIRA), the members of the Philippine Insurers Club (PIC), and the men and women of the Insurance Commission (IC) as the nation observes the 6th Non-Life Consciousness Week on May 23 - 29, 2005.

This year's celebration, themed "Ingatan ang Kabuhayan, Siguraduhin ang Kinabukasan", takes a deeper meaning as our nation faces the challenges affecting the present conduct of our national life. Following the financial and political crises that sent some economies worldwide plunging, we believe that recovery for our country is underway as we look forward to an improving Philippine economy. Coupled with the growing awareness among Filipinos of the importance of insurance, this present recovery gives us hope for a promising future.

Allow me therefore to commend the industry's invaluable contribution to the capital development of the country. The Arroyo government recognizes a strong partner in the industry for generating and mobilizing savings. We at the Department of Finance strongly support their initiative to reach out to the public through awareness campaigns such as this annual event.

We join the rest of the nation in observing the 6th Non-Life Insurance Consciousness Week.

Mabuhay!

CESAR V. PURISIMA
Secretary
Department of Finance

MY sincere felicitations to the Philippine Insurers and Reinsurers Association (PIRA) and the Philippine Insurers Club (PIC) for spearheading the celebration of the 6th Non-Life Insurance Consciousness Week (ICW). The Insurance Commission (IC) joins you in all efforts to successfully promote ICW 2005.

The Insurance industry is one of the pillars in the making of our strong republic. Its substantial contributions in terms of revenues, employment opportunities and investible capital are a significant help to our economy. And the non-life insurance sector is a major stakeholder in this industry.

The IC is cognizant of its long-term partnership with PIRA, PIC and other associations in the battles and challenges that the non-life insurance sector has to face. Let us resolve to enhance public awareness and investment in non-life insurance products and services.

This year's tagline "Ingatan ang Kabuhayan! Siguraduhin ang Kinabukasan" aptly describes the vision of insurance patronage cascading to majority of our brother Filipinos. By emphasizing the importance of non-life insurance coverage, we will beat the odds and achieve for all of us a more stable and developed insurance industry.

Mabuhay!

BENJAMIN SANTOS
Insurance Commissioner

NON-LIFE Insurance in the Philippines is more than a century old, however unlike most of our neighbors in Asia, awareness of the uses and benefits that insurance offers the man on the street, is sorely lacking.

Hence the establishment of Insurance Consciousness Week now on its 6th year.

For you dear readers, non-life insurance is a service industry that exists to provide you the security and peace of mind knowing that your hard earned assets and properties are secured against the vicissitudes of life. Not only that! Insurance in one way or another allows us to drive a car, watch a movie, go on a holiday, eat the food we want to eat, travel and what have you. Non-life insurance makes life possible and life worth living. This space is too small to explain how this happens but you will have to take my word for it. We are here for you.

Insurance also drives the economy. It helps generate capital that generates jobs, goods and services. It helps the government through taxes and investments. I can go on and on but suffice it to say the industry needs you just as much as you need us.

Together we can work for a country we will be both proud and happy to live in, together we can strive for a quality of life that we can be comfortable with, to bequeath to the next generation.

Finally, I would like to thank the entire non-life insurance community from the regulators to the players to the various groups and associations that make it up, but most especially to the insuring public for making ICW 2005 a success.

Mabuhay po tayong lahat. Isigaw natin "Ingatan ang Kabuhayan! Siguraduhin ang Kinabukasan.

Michael Rellosa
MICHAEL F. RELLOSA
President
Philippne Insurers Club

THE 6TH YEAR celebration of non-life Insurance Consciousness Week (ICW) is truly one milestone in the history of the non-life insurance industry. Once a year, for one week, the insurance industry launches a concerted campaign underscoring the value of non-life insurance. It should be noted that the concept of insurance has been around for a century and a half ago, but the insuring public still have to take full advantage of the benefits of non life insurance.

This year, it is our hope that many will realize the importance of adequate insurance coverages, thereby pursuing a more responsible move in protecting one's assets.

We, in the non-life insurance industry, accept the challenge to execute more comprehensive programs and non-life insurance initiatives which will further appeal to the public to appreciate the benefits that non-life insurance offers... now and in the future.

May this year leave an insurance imprint towards protecting people's lives and properties.

More power to all!
Helping secure your future,

HERMINIA JACINTO
President
PIRA

# Better times ahead for non-life insurance despite challenges

By Joel V. Nigos

ALBEIT harder times, there are still a lot of things to smile about as far as the non-life insurance industry is concerned.

As of yearend 2004, industry figures show that total premiums written has grown by about 5 percent. This is considering what even industry people admit a low level of awareness of non-life insurance. Total gross premiums for the year also reached P28.5 billion. The increase, which is also pegged at about 5 percent, makes it at par with the country's annual economic growth.

The numbers are achievement enough if several factors are to be considered. Foremost of which is the current state of the Philippine economy since non-life insurance is highly dependent on the level of economic activity so much so that when there's a slowdown in business the demand for insurance is also stunted.

These are just some of the good news the industry will crow about as it holds "Insurance Consciousness Week" from May 23-29. But most importantly, the occasion would like to address what the sector believes as another area it needs to focus on. That is, for the public to be aware of non-life insurance - what it is all about, what are its benefits and how it would help protect the insured from financial losses when unforeseen events come.

Now on its sixth year, the event started when then President Joseph Estrada declared the last week of May as "Insurance Consciousness Week" in 1999. The Philippine Insurers' Club (PIC) and the Philippine Insurers and Reinsurers Association (PIRA), two reputable organizations in the industry, pooled their resources together this year to make the annual affair possible.

## Awareness

"Though the industry is beset by other challenges, I believe it's vital for us to tackle the awareness issue of non-life insurance," says Herminia Jacinto, chairman of PIRA and president of Universal Malayan Reinsurance Corp.

"What we would like the people to know can be as basic as what non-life insurance is, what are the kinds of non-life insurance, what benefits the public would get from them and why it is important to prepare for the unexpected things that might happen in the future."

Industry leaders consider this as a challenge. Michael Rellosa, president of PIC and Fortune General Insurance Corp. president and COO, points out recent statistics which show that the awareness level of non-life insurance in the country is even lower than our Southeast Asian neighbors.

"In the ICW, we educate the people with the principles of insurance and how it works. We wanted the man-on-the-street to know about these because we believe they need it most," stresses Rellosa.

Non-life insurance includes property insurance which covers buildings and houses from fire and allied perils, motor car insurance and personal accident insurance in which the individual owner is protected from accidents, marine cargo insurance which helps in the easy importation of vital capital equipment and necessary food products, and liability insurance which protects the insured from legal responsibilities that might arise also from unforeseen accidents.

## Dynamic industry

Rellosa describes the current state of non-life insurance sector as very dynamic. Its resiliency has been proven countless times as it has weathered difficult challenges as a result of the country's economy.

It being highly regulated, as the industry is under the Insurance Commission, the sector is also policing its own ranks just to make sure that it delivers the service it promised to its clients.

He also hopes that each company would be able to meet the current and future requirements of its regulator as it would mean a more robust and stable industry.

The minimum paid-up capital of a company would be raised by P100 million by yearend, P200 million by 2006 and by 2007, it would be P300 million.

"In terms of our investments, we are highly regulated. Our investments should be both safe and liquid, mostly in government securities. We also invest in stocks but only in blue chips," he explains.

## Help build the nation

The non-life insurance industry also plays a vital role in building the nation.

By investing in government securities, the sector contributes substantially to the country's development as it provides funds to fuel economic growth.

In the area of taxation, non-life insurance companies contribute much to the government coffers.

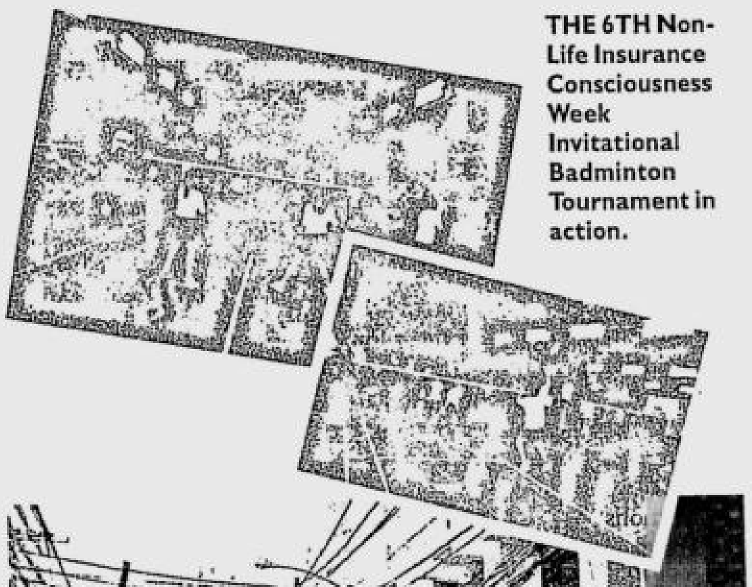
It generates employment for a considerable number of people. Non-life insurance companies hire regular employees, accredited actuaries and company underwriters to carry out its day-to-day business. It also provides a source of livelihood to agents, insurance brokers, reinsurance brokers, adjusters including their employees and staff.

And it helps in the conservation and protection of the country's assets by insuring buildings, residential homes and construction projects.

Jacinto and Rellosa agree that the industry's vision would not be achieved overnight. But what is important right now is the sector showing signs of better times ahead as well as it is able to provide help to more and more Filipinos by way of insurance protection and other benefits.

**THE PHILIPPINE INSURERS REINSURERS ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES** The board of trustees of the newly merged non-life insurance association, the Philippine Insurers and Reinsurers Association (PIRA), recently paid a courtesy call on Insurance Commissioner Benjamin S. Santos and had their first dialogue with him. Commissioner Santos also inducted the trustees of PIRA into office. Photo was taken after the induction. Shown are (from left) David Mercado, Jr., Jose Zuñiga, Manuel Quijano (vice chair), Commissioner Santos, Herminia Jacinto (chairperson), Honorio Ramajo, Michael Reliosa, Redentor Magat and Virgilio Cruz. Not in photo is Ramon Dimacali.

**PHILIPPINE INSURERS CLUB** Officers and Board of Directors 2004 - 2005 Shown are (from left): Bernardo R. Chanyungco, Arturo M. Brondial, Joy P. Carlos, Michael F. Rellosa (president), Rodolfo M. Nayve, Vic Omamalin, David Mercado, Jr., Ruben Rubio and Rex Alvendia (not in photo) Roberto B. Crisol (vice president).



**THE 6TH Non-Life Insurance Consciousness Week Invitational Badminton Tournament in action.**

**A CEREMONIAL** tree planting symbolizing all-out support of the non-life insurance industry to national patrimony and economic prosperity.

**NON-LIFE** Insurance Quiz Bee winners Henry Samson of Phil. Phoenix (champion) and Nancy Baroro of Mercantile (1st runner-up).

**SKILLS** enhance seminar for agents with speaker Noni Abad.

# Sponsors

## GOLD

Wisely Insured PIRA Happily Secured

PHILIPPINE INSURERS and REINSURERS ASSOCIATION
6th Floor Champaca Building, 162 L.P. Leviste Street
Salcedo Village, Makati City
Tel. Nos. 811-4587 to 89 / 811-4629 Fax No. 813-8415

ALIW BROADCASTING CORPORATION
5th Floor Citystate Center Building
709 Shaw Boulevard, Pasig City
Tel. No. 637-3965 to 70 Fax No. 633-9162

## SILVER

UNIVERSAL MALAYAN REINSURANCE CORPORATION
1st Floor, Ayala Life - FGU Center
6811 Ayala Avenue, Makati City
Tel. Nos. 888-4391 / 728-7630 Fax Nos. 888-4396 to 97

AFP GENERAL INSURANCE CORPORATION
AFP GIC Building, Col. B. Serrano Road
Corner EDSA, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City
Tel. Nos. 911-8787 / 911-8784 Fax Nos. 913-4361 / 911-3149

MALAYAN GROUP

MALAYAN INSURANCE COMPANY, INC.
4th Floor, Yuchengo Building
484 Quintin Paredes Street Binondo, Manila
Tel. No. 242-8888 Fax No. 242-2222

## BRONZE

NATIONAL REINSURANCE CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES
18th Floor Philippine AXA Life Center Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue
corner Tindalo Street Makati City
Tel. Nos. 759-5801 to 06 / 759-5888 Fax Nos. 759-5886 to 87

ORIENTAL ASSURANCE CORPORATION
2nd Floor, OAC Building San Miguel Avenue,
Ortigas Center Pasig City
Tel. Nos. 631-7851 to 66 Fax No. 631-7815

GREAT DOMESTIC INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE PHILIPPINES, INC.
5th Floor, CHAMP Building, Anda Circle
Port Area, Intramuros, Manila
Tel. Nos. 527-8181 / 527-5751 Fax No. 527-3052

STRONGHOLD INSURANCE COMPANY, INC.
17th Floor, Security Bank Centre
6776 Ayala Avenue, Makati City
Tel. No. 891-1329 to 37 / 241-5668 (Manila)
Fax Nos. 891-1326 / 891-1640

PEOPLE'S GENERAL INSURANCE CORPORATION
People's Building 420 Calle Magallanes Intramuros, Manila
Tel. No. 527-0804 / 527-7611 to 15Fax Nos. 527-6555 / 404-0383

PLARIDEL SURETY AND INSURANCE COMPANY
Suite 2502, 25th Floor, 88 Corporate Centre
Corner Sedeño and Valero Streets Salcedo Village, Makati City
Tel. Nos. 889-6101 to 03 / 752-1503 Fax No. 752-1504

SQL WIZARD TRAINING CONSULTING
Sedeño corner Valero Street Salcedo Village, Makati City
Tel. No. 889-6999 Fax No. 889-6989

BPI/MS INSURANCE CORPORATION
11th and 16th Floors, Ayala Life-FGU Center
6811 Ayala Avenue, Makati City
Tel. Nos. 840-9000 / 840-9501 Fax No. 840-9599

FEDERAL PHOENIX ASSURANCE COMPANY, INC.
9th Floor, Pacific Star Building
Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue corner Makati Avenue Makati City
Tel. Nos. 811-5111 to 27 Fax No. 811-5128

KRM REINSURANCE BROKERS, PHILIPPINES, INC.
1804 Sedeño Street, Salcedo Village Makati City
Tel. No. 889-6858 Fax No. 889-6968

INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA (ACE- INA)
14th Floor, Export Bank Plaza
Chino Roces Avenue corner Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue Makati City
Tel. Nos. 886-1640 to 53 Fax No. 325-1675

FORTUNE GENERAL INSURANCE CORPORATION
4th Floor, Citystate Centre Building
709 Shaw Boulevard, Pasig City
Tel. No. 633-9232 Fax Nos. 633-8987 to 88

## DONORS

ALPHA INSURANCE AND SURETY COMPANY, INC.
Alpha Insurance Centre
1025 San Marcelino Street Ermita, Manila
Tel. No. 525-1301 Fax No. 522-6131

UTILITY ASSURANCE CORPORATION
Room 1408, 14th Floor, Cityland 10
Tower 2, 6817 Ayala Avenue Salcedo Village, Makati City
Tel. Nos. 892-4340 to 42 Fax No. 892-4346

CENTENNIAL GUARANTEE ASSURANCE CORPORATION
28th Floor, Pacific Star Building
Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue corner Makati Avenue Makati City
Tel. Nos. 6700-8505 / 6700-8616 Fax No. 811-5253

**Non-Life Insurance Consciousness Week supports**

### Ten-Point Agenda to "Beat the Odds" in six years

*"BEAT THE ODDS - will be our battle cry and agenda for the next six year"*
*-President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo*

*What it stands for:*
B - Balanced budget
E - Education for all
A - Automated elections
T - Transport and digital infrastructure to connect the country

T - Terminate the MILF and NPA conflicts
H - Heal the wounds of Edsa
E - Electricity and water for all barangays

O - Opportunities for 10 million jobs
D - Decongest Metro Manila
DS - Develop Clark and Subic

# Hei Long Jiang Art Troupe at The Podium

SHOPPERS at The Podium will have the rare chance to watch China's highly acclaimed Hei Long Jiang Art Troupe in a breathtaking performance on Saturday, May 28 at 7 p.m. at The Podium's lounge area.

A joint project of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, the Embassy of China, and The Podium in celebration of the 30th anniversary of RP-China diplomatic relations, the visit is one of the many highlights of the 2005 to 2007 Executive Program of the RP-China Cultural Agreement.

The Art Troupe-which is composed of the Hei Long Jiang Song and Dance Ensemble and the Hei Long Jiang QiQi Haer Acrobatic Circus-will give mall goers a glimpse of China's rich cultural heritage.

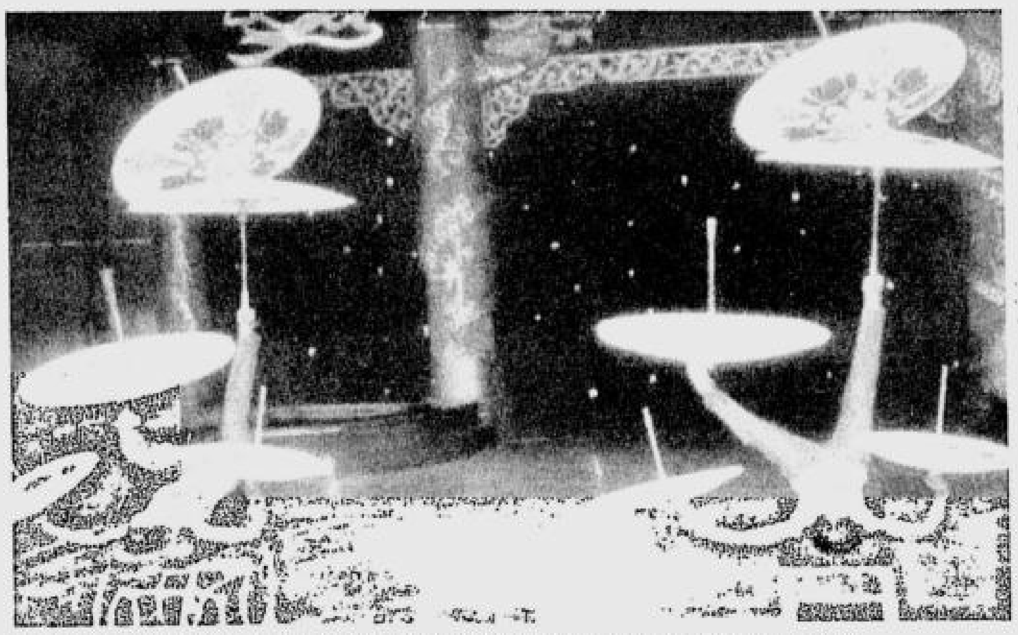
Rooted in the black soil of northeast China, the Hei Long Jiang Song and Dance Ensemble is an artistic wonder characterized by its distinctive national style and strong local flavor. The ensemble, which is made up of superbly talented dancers, singers and musicians from the Chinese province, has performed as China's cultural ambassadors in more than 20 countries all over the world.

Their impressive dance repertoire includes performances of the "Handkerchief Dance", "Boat Ballad", "Walking in the Song", "Auspicious", "Ge Sang Mei Duo", "Paper Flower Scissoring Girl", and "Play in the Snow." They will also have stirring song performances of "In That Remote Place", "Stream Tickets", and "Date in Ao Bao".

The Hei Long Jiang Haer Acrobatic Circus, on the other hand, will thrill audiences with awe-inspiring feats and spectacular numbers. Founded in 1952, the group was the first Chinese acrobatic troupe to perform in the moving style with huge tents. Its repertoire is amazing-100 different programs covering acrobatics, aerial acts, animal training, vocal imitations, and magic. One of the best acrobatic troupes in China, it has won numerous medals in both local and international competitions.

The troupe will send its most elite and talented artists to perform in the country. And shoppers at The Podium will enjoy watching them juggle umbrellas with their feet or dive through hoops with great skill and precision. They will also have performances in jars balancing, grand wushu, clown act, and whirling trident acts.

The Hei Long Jiang Art Troupe performance is made possible by the NCCA, the Embassy of China, and The Podium in cooperation with China Star.



HEI LONG Jiang QiQi Haer Acrobatic Circus performers juggle umbrellas with their feet.

## InqPulse Executive Forum: Let your business soar

THE PHILIPPINE Daily Inquirer will hold the first Inqpulse Executive Forum today from 1:30 to 5 p.m. to be held at the JV Del Rosario Room, 4th floor, AIM Conference Center Manila, Paseo de Roxas, Makati City.

Learn from the insights of two of the most dynamic CEOs working today: Tony Davis, president and CEO of Tiger Airways and Gavin Coombes, executive vice president for Euro RSCG Asia-Pacific.

COOMBES

DAVIS

Davis will discuss the emergence of budget-value airline brands in the increasingly competitive Southeast Asian travel market.

Appointed in January 2005, Davis brings to Tiger Airways 18 years of airline experience. He was the founding managing director of bmibaby, the successful British low fares carrier, and led the development of the airline from business plan to a fleet of 14 aircrafts serving 26 destinations in the United Kingdom, Ireland and Continental Europe.

Coombes will talk about the new imperative in today's convergence in "Marketing: Sustainable Growth". He will present case studies of global brands in dealing with today's marketing challenges and the "must haves" for brands to thrive and achieve sustainable growth.

Gavin has over 10 years experience in corporate communications and marketing services. He trained and worked as a journalist before moving into public affairs advice for a leading consultancy in his native New Zealand.

Interested parties can call 897-8808 local 266.

**MORE JAZZ AT SM MAKATI**

The soothing sounds of jazz still reigned at SM Makati last May 21, this time with the enthralling group who call themselves Gupamba. The enjoyable sounds only served to enthuse shoppers and get them in the mood and groove for more weekend fun with family and friends. On May 28, catch the finale of this month's refined and calming melodies of 'All That Jazz!' with Samba de Orfeo at the ground floor, Concourse Area at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. It's malling with a twist always at SM Makati with great shopping, dining, and music to enjoy all in one fine place.

## ProductFILES

### Award-winning Optra

ONE OF the big winners in the recently concluded Transportshow International is this 2004 Chevrolet Optra, redesigned and created by the "Aftermarket Mafia". What made this Optra stand out is the unique ground effects body kit created by A-Toy. Made from resilient fiberglass and composite materials, A-Toy's OEM fit Chevrolet Optra body kit is flexible and highly resistant to the elements. Adding to its flair are the H&R lowering springs and Bilstein Shock Absorbers from Makna Marketing and the 17-inch Volk Rays Engineering from Concept One wheels wrapped in grippy 205/40/R17 Nitto Tires.

Complimenting the exterior of this show-winning Optra is a booming audio-video system setup done by AUN Autosound Unlimited and sponsored by Sony Xplod. To make the Optra visible by night, Hummer Philippines installed bright Xenon HiD lamps for nighttime illumination.

For details on how to make your Chevy Optra sizzle, call 413-5888/414-1068/0917-8381972, or visit the A-Toy paint and bodykits showroom at 57 West Avenue, Quezon City. Log on to www.a-toy-bodykits.com; 732-7975/732-8915 or log on to wilman@skynet.net for Makna Marketing; 951-5301 to 06 for Sony Xplod audio or log on to keylargo@pldtdsl.net; 713-1998 or visit www.xenon-bulbs.com for bright HiDs and 724-7176/724-2739 to call Concept One or log on to www.conceptonewheels.com.

# Bright birthday blowout for bright moms, bright babies

HARD to believe it's been a year-a year filled with firsts: first smile, first step, and first word. Each accomplishment, no matter how small, was reason enough to celebrate. To make bright moms feel how great they have been, The Bright Moms Club treats bright moms and their bright babies to celebrate this memorable milestone by offering a complete 1st birthday party!

Experience a fun-filled day as the whole family enjoys the party with something in store for everyone.

Kids get to see Dora the Explorer, Blues Clues and Spongebob live! Ride-All-You Can tickets, an exciting magic show, fun games, and lots of treats courtesy of the Bright Treats booths. Bright moms also get to meet fellow members for the first time.

This 1st birthday blowout is exclusive to BMC members with babies born from January to August 2004. The party will be on May 29, 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Dreamscape (4th floor) Robinsons Galleria. Enjoy all of these by bringing the invitation plus any Enervon Bright selling size.

Get more goodies by bringing more Enervon Bright selling sizes (180g box, 400g lid/can, 1kg lid/can, or 1.5 lid).

The Bright Moms Club is Unilab Nutritionals' way to help moms learn, grow and celebrate being a Bright Mom.

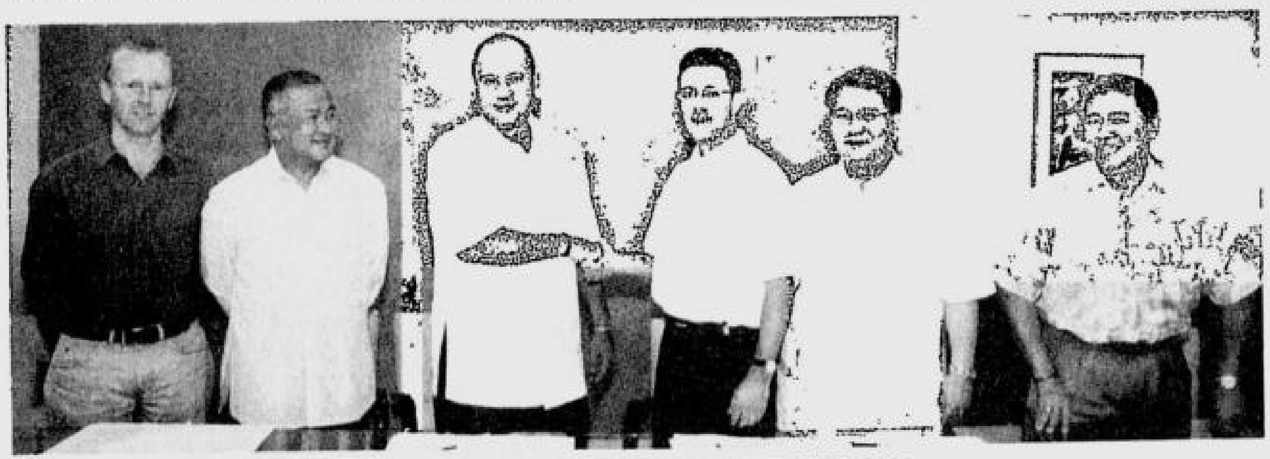
The club is a combination of several venues to provide the "personal touch" that moms look for-through the club hotline where nurses and nutritionists (who are also mothers) answer their questions on child care (BMC hotline 636-1212); magazines and letters specially designed by fellow moms in cooperation with medical experts; and events that moms and babies can enjoy together.

The club is created to be a support system to help moms stay informed on what's best for her and her baby. After all, the Bright Moms Club supports "Bright moms make Bright Babies".

sas
METROBANK
Customer
t Signin

**METROBANK PARTNERS WITH SAS PHILIPPINES**

Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company (Metrobank), the Philippines' largest commercial bank and the flagship company of the Metrobank Group, recently entered into a partnership with business and analytic intelligence leader SAS Philippines. This partnership will give Metrobank the power to know its customers better via a deeper understanding of customer behavior and interactions through the 'Customer Insight Project', which will utilize the latest SAS 9 Enterprise Intelligence Platform technology and Advanced Analytics. Signing the contract are (from left) Henry M. Sun, senior executive vice president, national branch banking sector, Metrobank; Sonny V. Halili, managing director, SAS Philippines Inc; Arthur V. Ty, vice chair, Metrobank; and Angelito M. Villanueva, senior executive vice president, operations group, Metrobank. Standing (from left) are Mark B. Perez, assistant vice president, systems division, Metrobank; Antonio P. Chua, first vice president, network communications and engineering division, Metrobank; Jose Raymund O. Vergara, president, MBTC Technology Inc; Sawfin F. Saw, industry sales manager-financial services industry and public sector, SAS Philippines Inc; Bernardito M. Lapuz, senior vice president, corporate planning division, Metrobank; Joshua E. Naing, senior vice president, controller, Metrobank; and Hendry Mora, FSI sector manager, SAS Philippines Inc.



**ABC SIGNS BROADCAST AGREEMENT WITH ESPN STAR SPORTS**

ABC recently signed a broadcast license agreement with ESPN Star Sports giving ABC telecast rights over free-to-air television to the world's biggest sporting events in 2005. ESS is a 50:50 joint venture between two of the world's leading cable and satellite broadcasters, ESPN Inc and Star while ABC holds the telecast franchise of the PBA, the country's premier basketball league and has substantial sports content. Starting May, ABC will air over 350 hours of prime sports events and championship tourneys ranging from billiards, pool, soccer, golf, to extreme sports. Present at the contract negotiations were, from left, Louis Boswell, ESPN Star Sports senior manager, affiliate and syndication sales for Southeast Asia; ABC director and Bank of Commerce president Raul B. De Mesa; ABC chair and CEO Antonio O. Cojuangco; Adam R. Zecha, ESPN Star Sports senior vice president for international sales, Southeast Asia, ABC executive vice president and COO Reggie D. Galura and ABC vice president for programs acquisition Vic Vianzon.

## Bits Clips

### PHA's 36th annual confab

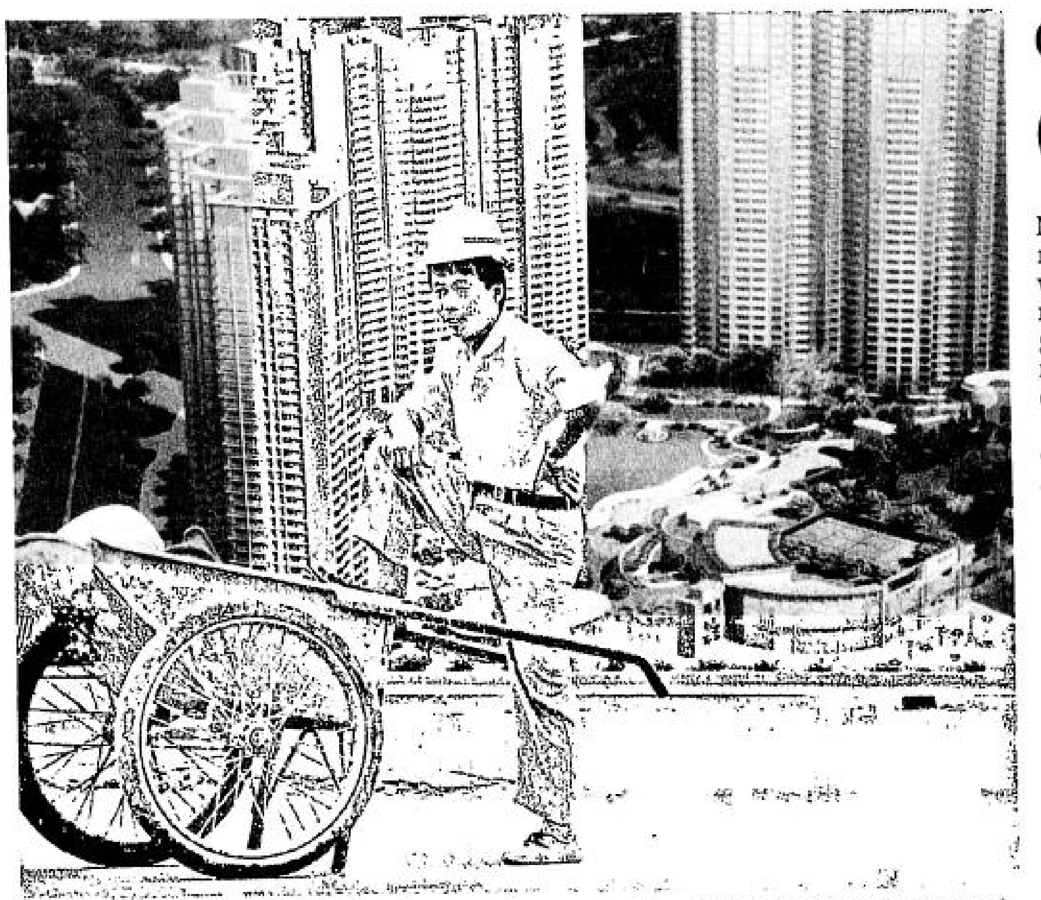
THE PHILIPPINE Heart Association is currently holding its 36th annual convention from May 25 to 28 at the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel Mandaluyong City. With its theme "Confluence of Competencies for Progress Cardiovascular Medicine," the confab will keep participants abreast with recent developments in the cardiovascular field.

### PARP confab

THE PHILIPPINE Association of Retired Persons (PARP) will be holding its 5th Annual Convention on May 27 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at the Escaler Hall, Ateneo de Manila, Loyola Heights, Quezon City. Speakers during the morning ceremonies are Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr, Sen. Sergio Osmeña III and former Sen. Jovito R. Salonga. Resource persons in the afternoon forum are Dr. Leticia Salvador-Tajos (UP Extension specialist) who will speak on the "Changing Myths About Older Persons" and Heide Mendoza (COA-Ombudsman Inter-Agency Investigation Team) will discuss "High Profile Corruption Cases in Government." Retired persons who believe they have something to contribute to the improvement of Philippine society and its governance are cordially invited to attend the convention and, if so inclined, to join the association.

### Free ride from Revicon

THE NEW I-ON Energy Drink from Revicon treats lucky passengers to a "Libreng Sakay" today. Just present an empty can of New I-ON Energy Drink from Revicon to designated hubs at Landmark, Robinsons Galleria, SM Megamall and SM North Edsa and avail yourself of a free taxi ride from Makati to Ortigas or SM North Edsa to SM Megamall or vice versa. You may catch the New I-ON Energy Drink from Revicon taxi cabs from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The New I-ON Energy Drink from Revicon, in refreshing sparkling citron flavor, is now available in leading supermarkets, convenience and drugstores nationwide.



**FALLING** retail property prices in the country's commercial capital, Shanghai, mean fast and easy profits in China's red hot real estate market could be a thing of the past, analysts said. AFP

### GASOLINE RALLY

# Oil rises to near $50/barrel

NEW YORK—Oil prices rose to levels near $50 a barrel on Tuesday as last week's slide attracted speculators and a refinery glitch rekindled worries over gasoline stockpiles ahead of the Memorial Day weekend, the traditional start of summer driving season.

US light sweet crude for July delivery rose 49 cents to $49.65 a barrel, adding to Monday's 51 cent gain.

London Brent was up 43 cents at $48.80.

The rebound from last week's trough of $46.20 has been propelled by hedge funds betting on long-term price strength as rising demand in Asia's emerging economies drives the need for more investment in supply infrastructure.

A rally in gasoline futures in the US added support to the crude market on Tuesday. Dealers said a possible glitch at Exxon Mobil's oil refinery in Baytown, Texas—the largest refinery in the nation—was rekindling concerns over supply ahead of the Memorial Day holiday.

A record number of drivers will hit the roads over the Memorial Day weekend, despite soaring pump prices, the AAA auto and travel group said in a survey last week.

New York gasoline futures for June delivery rose 2.05 cents to $1.4190 a gallon.

The recent strength has countered short-term signs of oversupply in the United States, the world's largest energy consumer, as continued high production from the Opec cartel helps boost stockpiles.

US oil inventories have soared to their highest in six years, with imports nearing new records.

A Reuters survey of analysts showed that they probably rose another 1.2 million barrels in the week to May 20.

Saudi Arabia Oil Minister Ali al-Naimi said on Monday that he saw no need to reduce current production levels and that current fundamentals were healthy.

Middle East Gulf Opec producers have pumped up output to the highest level in 25 years in an effort to inflate consuming nations' stockpiles, creating a bigger buffer for the spike in winter demand.

Prices got further support Tuesday from Chinese media reports that its summer power shortage will be 20 percent greater than previously forecast, suggesting problems for regions that are key drivers of the economy.

China last summer suffered its worst power shortage in two decades, around 40 gigawatts, forcing factories in badly hit areas to change operating shifts and hotels, shops and offices to dim lights and cut air-conditioning.

Widespread brownouts also boosted demand for diesel as people fired-up their own generators to keep air-conditioners and lights on.

"The demand for additional fuel oil and diesel could have a significant impact in strengthening net trade in refined product which has weakened over the early part of this year," said Barclays Capital in a report. *Reuters*

# Asia shares slide; Nikkei down 1.1%

SINGAPORE—Asian stock markets fell on Wednesday and US Treasury yields sat near three-month lows struck in New York on worries about a global economic slowdown.

Tokyo's benchmark Nikkei average lost 1.1 percent as steel and shipping stocks slumped, and worries over the impact of Japan's spat with key trading partner China weighed on investor sentiment.

European stock markets were expected to open flat. Oil prices edged up towards $50 a barrel, and the dollar was flat.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng fell one percent and MSCI's index of non-Japan Asian shares was down 0.7 percent at about 3 p.m. yesterday.

Yields on the 10-year Treasury note stood at 4.03 percent after hitting a three-month low of 4.02 percent in New York as concerns about global economic growth, especially in Europe, enticed investors into safe-haven bonds.

"The deterioration in the eurozone has been quite dramatic and fits in with other signs of a generalized global slowdown," said David Ader, interest rate strategist at US-based RBS Greenwich Capital.

The yield on Tokyo's benchmark 269th 10-year JGB cash bond was down three basis points at 1.225 percent, its lowest since May 6.

In Taipei, tech heavyweight Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. reached its highest level for more than a year before giving up gains to close down 1.1 percent.

Rival United Microelectronics Corp. was up 0.7 percent after touching a February high.

Taiwan's benchmark index fell 0.35 percent, and traders in Taipei said locals were wary foreign money would dry up after global fund managers finish adjusting their portfolios to match Morgan Stanley Capital International's scheduled lifting of Taiwan's index weighting on May 31.

Through Tuesday, foreign investors had been net sellers on only two days over the past month of trading.

Other secondary Asian stock markets weakened. Singapore's Straits Times fell 0.6 percent and South Korea's KOSPI dropped 1.1 percent, while Australia's S&P ASX 200 was down 0.3 percent.

In New York the Dow Jones industrial average closed down 0.2 percent.

The dollar was little changed after minutes from the May 3 Federal Reserve monetary policy meeting showed officials were wary about sluggish economic growth, even though they confirmed interest rates would keep marching higher.

The euro bought around $1.2583 unchanged from late US trade, and inching away from a seven-month low of around $1.2535 hit on Monday.

The dollar fetched 107.38 yen slipping slightly from the 107.64 yen marked in late New York trade and off the one-month high of 108.30 yen touched on Monday. *Reuters*

# Fed policy makers concerned about rising prices of energy

WASHINGTON—Federal Reserve policy-makers were concerned about high energy prices stoking broader inflation when they met in early May, but didn't believe they needed to raise short-term interest rates more aggressively to keep inflation in check, according to minutes of the meeting released Tuesday.

Even so, Fed chair Alan Greenspan and his colleagues at the May 3 meeting decided to stick with their policy of gradually boosting interest rates to keep inflation and the economy on an even keel.

At the May meeting, the Fed raised rates by one-quarter percentage point to 3 percent. It marked the eighth rate increase of that size since the Fed began to tighten credit last June.

To signal that it had grown more concerned about inflation from its previous meeting on March 22, the Fed in May dropped language that had been in the March statement.

The March language had noted that the rise in energy prices had not fed into "core" consumer prices, which track a broad range of prices except for energy and food costs.

Several weeks before the Fed's May 3 meeting, the government had reported that "core" inflation had climbed in March by 0.4 percent, its highest reading in 2 1/2 years.

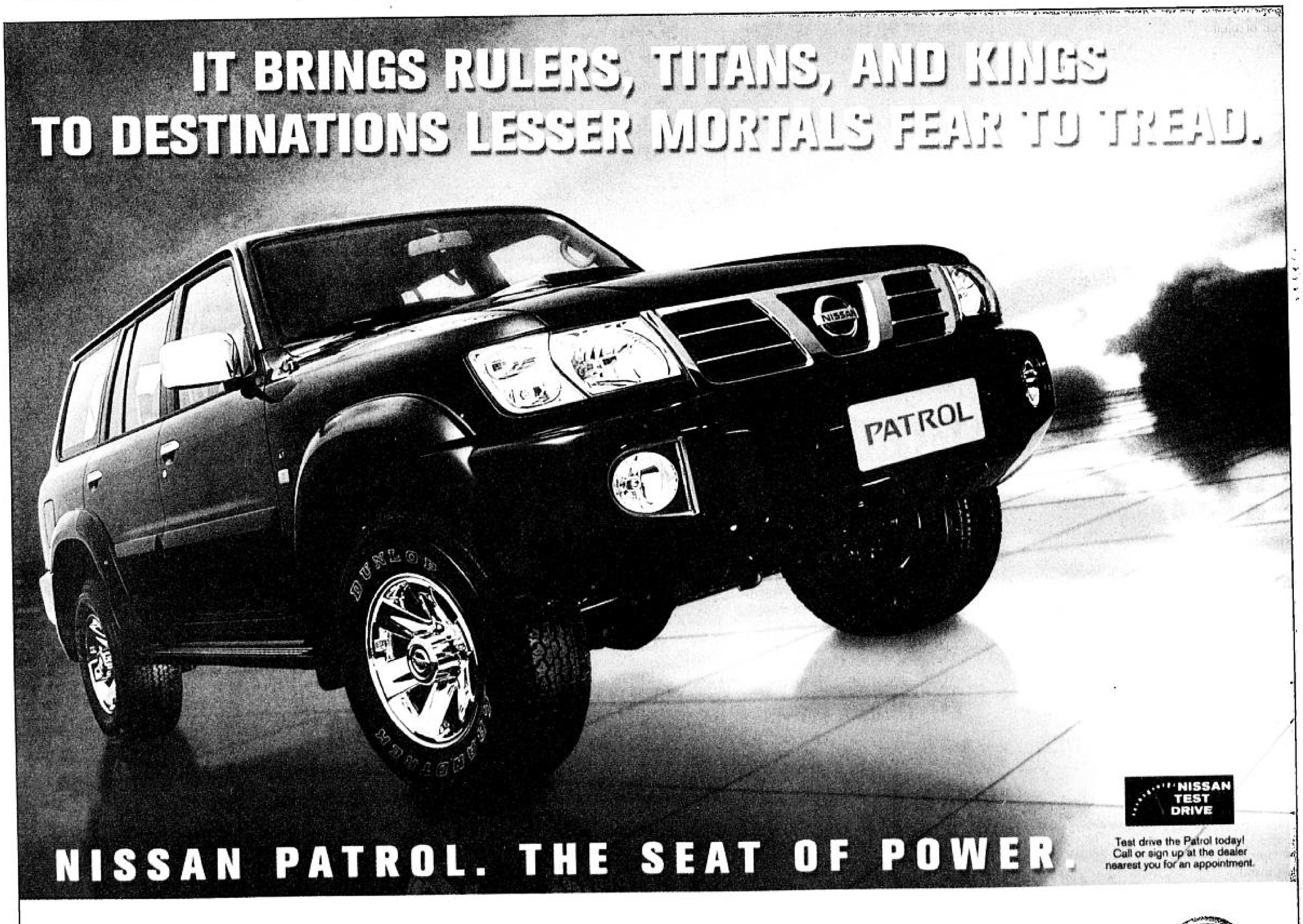
Last week, however, a government report showed that "core" inflation was flat in April, a big improvement from March.

Fed policy-makers at their meeting in May expressed hope that a recent moderation in energy prices, along with a labor market that didn't appear to be spurring wage inflation, would mean that inflation wouldn't become a problem to the economy.

High energy prices had crimped consumer and business spending, important ingredients for healthy economic activity.

The economy grew at a 3.1-percent annual rate in the first three months of 2005, the slowest pace in two years.

While the Fed blamed high energy prices for the slowdown, it didn't seem overly worried by it. *AP*


IT BRINGS RULERS, TITANS, AND KINGS
TO DESTINATIONS LESSER MORTALS FEAR TO TREAD.
PATROL
NISSAN PATROL. THE SEAT OF POWER.
NISSAN TEST DRIVE
Test drive the Patrol today!
Call or sign up at the dealer nearest you for an appointment.

PATROL

SHIFT_the future NISSAN

Assembled and distributed by
Universal Motors Corporation
www.mynissan.com.ph

METRO MANILA DEALERS: CORE AUTOMOTIVE RESOURCES INC. (Makati) Tel. Nos. 810-0151 / 812-7538 / 818-4598 / 892-6217 • MANTRADE DEVELOPMENT CORP. (Makati) Tel. Nos. 843-3316 to 23 / 843-8011 / 812-7701 • NISSAN GALLERY-ORTIGAS Tel. Nos. 633-2645 / 635-5866 / 438-4539 • NISSAN NORTH EDSA Tel. Nos. 455-8980 / 330-5331 to 50 • NISSAN COMMONWEALTH, INC. Tel. Nos. 932-0428 / 932-4001 • BROADWAY MOTOR SALES, INC. Tel. Nos. 525-9061 to 64 / 400-1522 / 400-1020 / 400-2177 / 404-2439 • NISSAN WESTGATE (Alabang) Tel. Nos. 772-1826 / 775-0236 / 765-0230 / 775-0523 • LUZON DEALERS: NISSAN SOUTHWOODS Tel. Nos. 690-2400 to 02 / (049) 241-3040 / (046) 430-1683 to 84 • LISAM ENTERPRISES, INC. Tel. Nos. (054) 472-3577 to 79 • WORLD CARS, INC. (Baliuag) Tel. Nos. (044) 766-0492 / 766-0191 / 673-1200 • NISSAN PAMPANGA Tel. Nos. (045) 961-5481 / 961-5461 to 62 • ROYCE MOTOR CENTER, INC. (Cabanatuan City) Tel. Nos. (044) 463-7210 to 12 (Isabela) Tel. Nos. (078) 682-8701 / 682-8707 (San Fernando) Tel. Nos. (045) 961-7773 to 74 • VISAYAS DEALERS: S & J MOTORS, INC. Tel. Nos. (033) 320-4051 to 54 • ILOILO CAR CORPORATION Tel. Nos. (033) 320-2248 / 320-2064 • PO'S MARKETING ENT., INC. Tel. Nos. (034) 435-1102 / 434-8051 to 52 / 434-8530 / 433-2907 / 433-0562 / 67 • NISSAN CEBU DISTRIBUTORS, INC. Tel. Nos. (032) 346-8422 to 25 / 345-0008 to 07 / 346-0350 / 345-1124 / 346-8430 to 31 / 345-1450 • MINDANAO DEALERS: NISSAN CAGAYAN DE ORO DISTRIBUTORS, INC. Tel. Nos. (08822) 732-672 / 733-444 / (088) 856-3568 • DAVAO UNICAR CORPORATION (Davao City) Tel. Nos. (082) 221-1914 / 16 / 19 / 227-0308 to 09 • DAVAO UNICAR CORPORATION (General Santos City) Tel. No. (083) 552-3228

3 YEAR WARRANTY 100K KM

**CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING DIVISION**
Main Office: PASONG TAMO, MAKATI CITY
☎ 897-8425 (Direct) ☎ 8978808 (Trunk) Fax 897-8425
G/F ATRIUM BLDG., MAKATI AVENUE, MAKATI CITY
☎ 8114361 ☎ 8114370 ☎ 8114012 Fax 8925578
ST. ANTHONY'S BLDG., AURORA BLVD., QUEZON CITY
☎ 912-9008-11 Fax 912-9011
SM MEGAMALL, MANDALUYONG CITY
☎ 6350219 ☎ 6872354 ☎ 6872366 Fax 6350220
G/F TRINITY BLDG., 636 T.M. KALAW ST., ERMITA, MANILA
☎ 5273342 ☎ 5224406 ☎ 5276357 Fax 5280213
ALABANG, MUNTINLUPA CITY
☎ 8424503 ☎ 8506465 Fax 8506465
e-mail address: main_classifieds@inquirer.com.ph

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

# NATIONAL CLASSIFIEDS

The Widest Reaching Classifieds

FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2005

**RATE**
P245 per column centimeter
(All prices exclusive of E-VAT)

**DEADLINE**
for reservations / cancellations / corrections
Monday to Sunday
12:00 noon
Day before publication

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

### MEDICAL

#### PHYSICIAN/SURGEON

RAPID Tx VD-STD
Ex. SWEAT PIMPLES KELOID
ALLERGY WARTS SKIN PEEL
15 Annapolis Greenhills
Call 7276124 - 25 9am-7pm

VDSTD Skin Clinic Rapid Tx Comp Lab Tel. 8175071 Matrinco 2178 P. Tamo Makati

### PERSONAL/

#### CONSTRUCTION/ DESIGN

DESIGN, CONSTRUCT, Sell & Finance House Const Rene 4539180 / 4539181 www.nihonkaihatsu.jp

#### COSMETOLOGY

PINK LIPS/NIPS/CHEEKS P800 4545067;09189235216

#### ENGINEERS

POLICARPIO DEMOLITION Contractor Call 650-8737

#### MASSAGE

02-3233269 BEST BOYS

ADAM'S APPLE 3606092

AKHIN 834-7357

ASK BELL MALE MASSEUR (0921)6364794

BEAUTIE'S MASSAGE MLA:8857973 CEBU: (032) 2562187

BOY'S MASSAGE MLA:4587993 CEBU: (032) 2593809

Candy 8971506;09212085309

COMPLETE WHOLE BODY MASSAGE 8238456, 09179723043

JOMARI 09209064273

MALE MASSAGE 374-8480

Male/Female Home/Hotel Service • 0915-4083339

MANHUNT REFLEX 720 EDSA QC 4397859

MASSAGE 8547144 VICTOR

MR. UNIVERSE MASSAGE 1157 Quezon Ave. 410-1259

★★ Mr EARTH SPA ★★ 123B Kamuning rd QC 4102182

★Mr BODY PHYSIQUE ★ 11A Kamias QC 4350978

★★Borgy 09204540607★★

RELAXING MASSAGE 8978214

#### REFLEXOLOGY

CHRIS or BOBBIE 8548556

★ Feels Good 4127758 ★

MILLENIUM 9347633

•Wizard Massage 4213197•

### HOUSEHOLD

#### HOUSEHOLD JOBS

A'A MAID & YAYA 4386020

All arnd Maid Yaya 4399290

Best maids aa yaya 4547542

Direct Maids Yaya Indi Cook 7289060

EFFICIENT MAIDS PROV'L & CITY ALL AROUND MAIDS YAYA COOK LABA H'GIRL 873-7055•873-5062•873-7057

EXP MAIDS w/ NBI 4398468

Help Agency 5328376 • 5321947

H'WORKING MAIDS 421-3828

NEED MAIDS 09155544777 / 4325125

Trusted Maid Yaya 5343088

Trusted Maid Yaya Boy 995-7034

IVY LANA ★ YAYA
MAIDS ★433-1431 433-5931

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

### HOUSEHOLD

#### HOUSEHOLD JOBS

Trusted Maids w/NBI 4392490

Trusted Maids Yaya Driver 7572089

WE HAVE STAY-IN & PART TIME MAIDS DRIVERS, ETC. FOR FIL & FOREIGN CLIENTS # 8967402

Yaya, Cook H'maid 8957507

#### LIPAT BAHAY

•731-6833•LIPAT

L-BAHAY 9206784 4540520

Cheap 9260424/09272207969

Lipat 6817623 ★ 6817136

P1200/TRIP 742-14-57

## REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

### COMML/RESDL

#### MANILA

Nr UST 250m² P8M 0917-5213838

#### QUEZON CITY

CUBAO 1st Class CONDOTEL pool gym park 1-3BR Penthse 1.8Mup 3yrs 0% int 9189235216

★KATIPUNAN Ext Coml/Resl nr UP Ateneo 204 to 1,200m² P8,500 up/m² 0918-9235216

### HOUSE & LOT

#### MANDALUYONG

MANDALUYONG NR SHAW Bnew Twnhse/3stry/3br/3-4tb/mdsrm/1 2grge P3.655M up 8903461

#### MARIKINA

Bnew 3BR 3TB 2.8M 9487112

ROVIDENT VILL. NR ATENEO 413m² W/3 H"SES NR GATE 5M NEG RUSH 948-8240 / 9338423

#### PARANAQUE

100m² 4BR 5TB GRGE RUFTOP CALL 09209202839

#### QUEZON CITY

Filinvest2 Cor. 112m² 3BR SFurn 0915-4057078 Jun

New Mla New Hse: LA199 FA375 6br 5tb 2cg P14M 711-9051

VILLA ESPANA Araneta Av LA108m² FA195m² 2stry 4BR 4TB 1car grge P2.3M 4539180/81 Rene or Malou

#### BULACAN

1800/mo-20yrs Tel 9390299

#### CAVITE

DASMA 681K 0918-7141462

RUSH TAGAYTAY NEW HOUSE P3,5M NEAR MCDO LOT 2300 P1,200/mo² TEL7337767/69/73

#### LAGUNA

3,400/mo-25yrs Tel 5208410

Hse & Lot Sta Rosa Laguna Bel-Air Edna 0917-8312369

### CONDO/TWNHSE

#### MAKATI

1.1 M NR MAKATI ORTIGAS 10T/mo or 4 yrs 0% Int 10% DP Move-In 2-4 BR Bank & Pag-Ibeg Ok 0920-6348545

CITADEL CONDO Makati Ave furnish 1.2M 25sqm 6717361

Condo Nr. D'Fort & C5 12K/mo. NoDP 0918-4131377

D'FORT MAKATI, ORTIGAS 724-3019 / 0918-9191189

BNew Studio Ayala - Makati 894-1051 /0919-8504468

MAKATI CONDO RENT/SALE 5756076

## REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

SPACES AVAILABLE FOR LEASE
– Situated at prime locations –

OFFICE SPACES

PSBank CENTER
Paseo de Roxas cor. Sedeño St. Makati City — 200-1400 SQ.M.

PHILIPPINE AXA LIFE CENTRE
Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue cor. Ayala Ave. Makati City — 80-993 SQ.M.

Commercial / Retail Space Available

ORIENTAL GARDEN MAKATI
Chino Roces Avenue (near Buendia Ave.) Makati City — 35-100 SQ.M.

BAYVIEW INTERNATIONAL TOWERS
Roxas Boulevard cor. NIA Blvd. Parañaque City — 50-178 SQ.M.

VALENCIA HILLS
Valencia St. cor. N. Domingo St. (near Greenhills) Quezon City — 100-150. SQ.M.

For inquiries please contact us at :
898.8965 | 857.5909 | 886.0000 or
Email : leasing@federalland.com.ph

FEDERALAND

### CONDO/TWNHSE

#### QUEZON CITY

JUBILEE VILLAS
Celebrate Life
Create Happy Memories

HALF USUAL CONDO PRICES

Top Quality Townhouses 2 or 3 bedrooms, attic, living room w/ powder rm dining room, kitchen, 2 T&B, maid's room w/ T&B, laundry / storage area, 1 or 2-car garage, Overhead Water Tank, swimming pool
LA: 64 -70 sqm
GFA: 157 sqm. approx
INDIVIDUAL LOT TITLE

22 units SOLD / 1 unit left under construction 3 units for occupancy June 2005

Initial down payment as low as Php540,000.00.
Easy payment terms *Discount for cash sale
Bank/In-House Financing avlble for qualified buyers
We will customize your payment terms.
Licensed Brokers are welcome.
Come & view our model unit
90 Banlat Road, Tandang Sora, Quezon City

Exclusive Marketing Manager
ZITRO REAL ESTATE
HLURB License #04012

For inquiries, please call
818-2781 / 751-5472
0919-6745430
Email: jubvilla@info.com.ph
www.jubileevillas.com

#### CAVITE

RSG GUEVENTHOMES

BACOOR only 10 mins from Baclaran!

as low as P800T
30% D/P in easy installment
70% Balance thru In-House convertible to "Pag-IBIG Housing Loan

as low as
P4,800/mo*
* Pag-IBIG Housing Loan

Mandaluyong Sales Ofc:
531-0395 • 531-1384 • 534-9921
(0920)910-8008 • (0928)18GHOME
Toll Free: 1-800-10 8GHOME
www.gacvert.com
other sites available
Cainta, Quezon City

#### MAKATI

MAKATI PRIME TOWER FULLY FURN. 24SQ 1.15M 09217985148

MAKATI/MLA. CONDO SALE /RENT 0920-2403601

Oriental Gardens Makati 45.5m² 2.7&up Roselyn 0920-3843962

READY 4 OCCUPANCY CONDO RENT 2 OWN 2-4BR P12T/mo. 0917-7469270 / 0915-2728898

#### MANILA

BAY GARDEN ROXAS BLVD 1,2,3BR 0920-9602940 RFO

MLA CONDO 4 Sale No baha 785 Maceda St Lealtad 1BR 2BR Terms P9985/mo Lipat by Aug. 4304813

SN ANDRES MANILA Bnew Twnhse/3stry/3br/3tb/grge P3.860M up 8903461 loc 34

Studio 1-3BR 0% Interest nr schools 09194053002

## REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

### CONDO/TWNHSE

#### QUEZON CITY

#### CAVITE

#### MANILA

Studio Type 32m² nr. La Salle. L.Guinto 0922-4060722

#### MANDALUYONG

CONDO, BNEW, 09192189817

EDSA 1-3BR zero interest nr schools 0922-8060346

#### PASIG

AIC GOLD 14FLR CONER W/ VIEW, PARKING DBUYER CALL ELLEN 09209018813

#### QUEZON CITY

CUBAO Condo 2BR P2.2M RFO 2405552 / 0920-9051246

Cubao P1.5M Terms 9126070

Grnmeadows Ivory Crt 162m² 3BR 4TB 5.8M neg 634-4612

## REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

### CONDO/TWNHSE

#### QUEZON CITY

One BEATRIZ Tower
CONDOTEL
AURORA/LAUAN ST. PROJ.3 Q.C.
OVERNIGHT STAY FOR AS LOW AS
P550.00 net/person
FOR TWIN SHARING WITH COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFAST
FOR RESERVATIONS:
CALL 913-7632/913-5223

#### QUEZON CITY

Nr West Ave New TwnHse: LA115 FA220 3br 3tb 2cg P6.2M 7119051

RENOWNED LANE P3M Sanville Bnew 3BR2TB 4539180 /81 Rene

#### RIZAL

CAINTA 2BR 850k 8,500/mo 240-5552 / 0920-9051246

#### OTHER AREAS

Boracay Condotel 3.8M EARN P520T/Yr. ROI 5Yrs. P75T/mo. or 1Yr. No Interest Fully Furnished 0917-8169849

#### TAGUIG

D' FORT 307 FA
REGENT TOWER 29 FLR. VIEW FULLY FURNISH 4BDRM 5BA
www.MetroManila.info
09178550566/8162021

### LOT

#### MAKATI

FORT BONIFACIO
P5,000 MO/1 YR ONLY
US MEMORIAL CONCEPT
8866472 09209220174

#### PARANAQUE

100,200m² In-Hse Financing nr Rodriguez St. Moonwalk 0920-654-0954

#### QUEZON CITY

RUSH LOT PARKWAY Q.C. 300SQM #7337767/69/73

STA. MESA HEIGHTS Nr. Banawe 1,600 sq.m. P24T

## REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

BAYVIEW INTERNATIONAL TOWERS
JUST A 10 MINUTE DRIVE TO THE AIRPORT!!!

PROMO
30,000/sq.m.
3Bedroom
165.5sq.m.
w/ 2 parking slots
P 4.9M

- Brand new units now ready for occupancy!
- 1 Bedroom unit with T&B 70.50 sq.m. including 1 parking slot
- 20% downpayment with a monthly amortization as low as P25,683 per month
- 3BR, 4BR Penthouse units from 147.50 sq.m. & up
- Clubhouse gym, playroom
- Swimming pool with Jacuzzi
- Maid's room w/ T&B
- Laundry / Service area

HURRY FEW UNITS LEFT!!!

COME & VISIT OUR MODEL UNITS
Open daily
8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

OMNI-ORIENT MARKETING NETWORK, INC.
A subsidiary of Federal Land, Inc.
855-8239
855-8118

### LOT

#### RIZAL

FAIRMOUNTHILLS ANTIPOLO 686sqm Call 09209018813 Owner Leaving

#### OTHER AREAS

CANYON WOODS
1.8M Up 10% DP 5Yrs No Int. 300m² Lots, Condo, T-Hse, H&L, FREE Golf Share 0917-8313226

#### LAGUNA

192,271m². Adj. lots In-Hse Financing. Southpeak1, San Pedro 0920-654-0954

RUSH!!!Best Buy!
Jubilation West Mamplasan LA176sqm P500K+assume balance or buy out. Call 0917-8997547 • 0917-8506573

### RESORT

CAYLABNE BAY BEACH
Front Mediterranean Villa Foreigner Can Own Sale / Swap 4 Condo / Lot 660-3856 • (0920)920-7828

## REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

### HOUSE

#### MAKATI

NR GLOBAL ROCKWELL 5BR 2TB 2STY LIV/DIN GARAGE 26T •8819011 / 7504596•

#### MANDALUYONG

G'HILLS EAST Newly Renov. Hse w/ S'Pool 2420618 / 7213127

#### PARANAQUE

Multintl Vill 3BR 2TB Covered Grge 0915-5627080

#### QUEZON CITY

2Br w/grge strong 1120 accesible single detached 09205218910

### CONDO/TWNHSE

#### MANILA

CITYLAND STUDIO V.CRUZ P7K 6382256 / 0916-7061716

#### PASIG

RIVERSIDE EXECUTIVE TOWNHOMES
nr Ever Gotesco Pasig Marife 4213785 / 86 ; 09178356891

## REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

### CONDO/TWNHSE

#### SAN JUAN

Annapolis 2BR 20T 412-1825

### APARTMENT

#### QUEZON CITY

7,500 2STY 3BR SALA 9121163

BNEW studio PROJ.2 4342604 / 0919-2876641

### WAREHOUSE/ FACTORY

★RENT/SALE-QC Balintawak San Juan, Mndlyng, Pasig, Valenzuela ITCRD 1hec. Malinta Ext P7th/m² 3.5hec. Elizabeth Chang Realty 724-3019 / 726-0137

QC Warehse 600, 350 & 420sqm 24 Hr sec. near Hway 4563243

### ROOM & BOARD

4TRM KTCHEN TB 9121163

BF P'QUE P200!! 8257524

•FURNISH PASAY 8872865•

P120! CALL, 7118679 (24hrs) Windsor Inn, Maceda Street near 7-11 Dimasalang, Mla

### BEDSPACE

Mkti nr Ayala P1T Ldy 8974697

Professionals M/F Cuenca Pasay 8315026 / 5500254

### BUSINESS RENTAL

Lagro 20m² 6T 0917-8803211

### LOAN & MORTGAGE

1.4% MONTHLY 8976644-46 LAS PINAS 8054326 / 6342 QUEZON CITY 3730230-40

BUSINESS . DOCTOR 524-3197

### OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT

26.41sqm 7T/mo 14 Quezon Ave QC 09214304984

Francisco Gold Bldg I EDSA 73.40m² 12T All-In. 4121825

MALATE MLA 526-8048/49

#### MAKATI

OFFICE SPACES FOR LEASE (50m² - 627m²) TEL.#887-6003

## REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

CORTE BELLA
The Metro Homes Division of
FILINVEST LAND, INC.

TROPICAL CHERRY HOUSE MODEL
132 sqm. usable floor area • 5 BR • 2 T&B • Balcony • Carport
*Near UP, Ateneo, Miriam & various malls*
OPEN HOUSE ON MAY 28, 9AM - 5PM
THE TROPICS
Marcos Highway, Cainta, Rizal
Call us at 721-0771 • 724-7543
Bank and In-house payment available

## REAL ESTATE FOR SALE OR RENT

### CONDO/TWHSE/ FOR SALE/RENT

MLA ASTRAL P. FAURA cor TAFT Sale/Rent 2BR semi furn 6459611 : 09163355021

#### MAKATI

Makati Manila RFO CONDO Sale / Rent 15K up 09176266516

## OTHER REAL ESTATE

### REALTORS/SEMINAR

★SUBIC 80+has. Open for Joint Venture 438-3309•0920-9112910

## TRANSPORTATION FOR SALE

### CARS

#### HONDA

CRV '02 760T 09192637409

HONDA CRV 2000 Mint Condition 37000Km P750Th Expat-Own 09209018813

#### ISUZU

ELF '97 927-7623

#### MITSUBISHI

2001 Strada, fully loaded, TV, 12cd changer, camper shell w /AC and Japanese Seat, bull bar, ladder, registered /comprehensive insurance. Call 0920-9003033 •09189422422

94 LNCR 'FRESH' 160K 8129439

MITSUBISHI GALANT 1996 Imptd Expat Own Call 09209018813 Mint Condition

#### NISSAN

'01 GRANDEUR 460T 9209202839

Owner Leaving 01 Frontier 4x2 M /T P500T Neg 0919-8707359

#### TOYOTA

90 COROLLA XL4 SLVR 72K MLG. 140T NEG. •09209112913•

SPORTS REVO A/T YR2000 P450Th (neg) VERY GD COND 63Th KM 09178219508 MANNY

#### OTHER CAR BRANDS

Pajero Prado Terrano Surf Fargo Serena Largo Delica Lite-Hi Ace Safari Canter Elf Sizuki etc Financing T-In 09178342020 ; 9120647

## TRANSPORTATION FOR SALE

### CARS

#### SPECIAL CARS

CHEVY CASSIA '01 Matic Call Roda 927-7623

## TRANSPORTATION FOR RENT

### CARS FOR RENT

Van Buses Coaster 5344003 6313496

1ST IMPERIAL UDRIVE CARS VANS 5314082 / 5784076

CAR (M/T A/T) VAN (8-15P) T 9386198 4270344

CarsVans CoasterBus 422-9296

CARS/VANS/BRIDAL 8969956

Cheap Van 9330311;9348411

STAREX'05 MB100 9483535

P800/L3 9136710 / 4333682

RENT-A-VAN 6424405

REVO w/driver 9272821

STAREX URVAN REVO 8257135

TOYCO CARS SUV VANS Rental Dly Wkly Monthly Rental Mnl. 8023021-22 CEBU (032) 3451802 DAVAO (082)2358375

URVAN 0917-5444721

VANS • CARS 7268388

ABC RENT A CAR
HI-ACE • STAREX
L300 • URVAN • REVO ETC.
AND ALL CAR BRANDS/ TYPES
MLA : 536-8822 • 303-9789
Q.C.: 426-2278 • 426-4084

### CAR LOAN

1.5% Auto Express 5221001-02

1.5% Car Loan 5344441

1.5% Easy Car Loan 4112547/48

1.5% Easy Car Loan 3748765

1.5% Easy Carloan 7815352/55

1.5% Fast Car Loan 6560140

1.5% w/oTaking Car 7228942-43

1.5% w/oTaking Car 3650974/75

2% w/o taking car 7880183-84

2% w/o Taking Car 7262780

2% w/oTaking Car 7221021

2% w/oTaking Car 8870490/95

2% w/oTaking Car 8959454

National Power Corporation

# INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

## NPC-MMSD 2005-014

The Bids and Awards Committee (BAC)-MMSD of NPC invites interested bidders to apply for eligibility and to bid for the following requirements.

| Schedule | Date/Time & Place of Bidding | Item Description | PR No./Inquiry No. | ABC |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| I | June 22, 2005<br>2:00 P.M.<br>Sinulog Room | Mechanical Parts for PB 106 "Daihatsu" | PB050622-MMVB2962 | 2,709,700.00 |
| II | | Fuel, ADO for SPUG Visayas | PB050622-MMVB2963 | 1,620,000.00 |

NOTE: A Pre-bidding Conference will be held for the following bidding schedules:

| Schedule | Date | Time | Place |
|---|---|---|---|
| Schedule I – III | June 8, 2005 | 2:00 P.M. | Sinulog Function Room |

Complete sets of Application form for Eligibility and Bid Documents may be obtained from the Materials Management Services Division, Materials Management Dept., of NPC, Diliman, Quezon City with Tel. No. 924-5357/9245477 upon payment of non-refundable fee of PHP 1,000.00 for Schedule I and PHP 500.00 for Schedule II starting on May 30, 2005 from 8:00 to 12:00 A.M. only. No bid documents will be issued 3 days before the date of bidding.

Bids will be received at the assigned Bidding Room, MMSD, MMD, NPC, Diliman, Quezon City on the date and time specified above after which Eligibility Requirements and Bid Proposals will be opened in the presence of attending bidders. Certificate of Registration issued by PSD/MMSD will be honored provided that the Certification is still valid.

Prospective Bidders shall signify conformance to bidding terms and conditions as required and shall ensure the same through proper submission/execution in accordance with the IRR of Republic Act No. 9184.

The Bidder shall furnish as part of his/her bid, a bid security in the amount equivalent to a percentage of the approved budget for the contract to be bid in the form of Cash, Manager's Check, Irrevocable Letter of Credit – One Percent (1%), Bank Guarantee – One and a half percent (1.5%), Surety Bond – Two and a half percent 2.5%, penal and callable on demand issued by a Surety or Insurance Company accredited by the Office of the Insurance Commission.

NPC reserves the right to reject any or all bids at any time prior to award of contract, waive any defects therein, and accept the offer most advantageous to the Corporation, without thereby incurring any of the following: a) liability whatsoever to offset expenses or losses the bidder may incur in the preparation of the bids and b) obligation to inform the affected bidder or bidders of the grounds for the basis of the BAC's action.

(Sgd.) **LORENZO S. MARCELO**
Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee
MMSD-NPC

(PDI – May 27 & June 3, 2005)

---

## TRANSPORTATION FOR RENT

### CAR LOAN

2% w/oTaking Car 8966630/33

2% w/oTaking Car 3732081/82

2% w/out taking car 6567685

2% w/out taking car 5315577

## GENERAL ITEMS FOR SALE

### PETS

BEAGLE 6MOS 09106761055

Dog Trainer 0919-2050952

DOG TRAINER 0919-3419012

### WANTED TO BUY

A NAME YOU CAN TRUST!
MANILA WATCH EXCHANGE
BUY • SELL • PAWN
ROLEX+OTHERS
& OTHER SWISS WATCHES
DIAMONDS / JEWELRY
HI-APPRAISAL/FAST CASH
REPAIR/POLISH ANY WATCH
T#804-0484 • 834-2886

'PROFESSIONAL & CREDIBLE'
LOW 5% INTEREST
BUY • SELL • PAWN
SWISS WATCHES
AGENCIA de MAKATI-8897956
SECONDO AYALA CENTER-8940282
OPEN MONDAY TO SATURDAY

BUYING ROLEX
Other WATCHES, BEST PRICE
0917-8142309 • 7269687
7220433 • 4123543

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PERSONAL

NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. JUDE O, Holy St. Jude apostle and martyr, great in virtue, rich in miracles, near in kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful inter-cessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present, urgent petition (make your request). In return, I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Saint Jude, pray for us and all who invoke your aid. Pray this nine times a day for nine consecutive days. On the eighth day your prayers will be answered, for this prayer has never known to fail. Please don't forget to publish this once your wish is granted
Myrna and Alfredo de Perlo

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### AUCTION SALE

MUNOZ-BRIONES PAWNSHOP
Auction
June 6, 2005
All unredeemed article
from Jan. 1-31, 2005
354 Roosevelt Ave QC 9AM
109 Dela Rosa Makati 10AM
VZamora-Auctioneer

## INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

L88EDC has TRANSFORMED & CHANGED the lives of many professionals into GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURS. www.L88edc.com

P/TIME • SIDELINE? up to P20K/mo 3762642

P2,000 lang, Sariling Bizniz Jun 438-3309/0920-9112910

RTW Consign 09167940002

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### MALE

WAITER 0920-9064273

### FEMALE

Massage/Facial Atndant 631-3495

ENGLISH TEACHER H.S. Call 637-8387 Paranaque Base

PRE-SCHOOL TEACHER 941-4361

*URGENT FEMALE ACCTING GRAD COMP LITERARTE LUK 4 JANE 952-6240 / 932-6162

### MALE/FEMALE

ARCHL CAD DSGNR 4195800

BSP•BSN•PT•MT
Any Allied Health Grads up to P45T/ Mo! 8927828

CAREGIVER 5280722

CUT & SEW 646-3487

IMMEDIATE NEED OF TUTORS/ HIGH RATE / GUARANTEED FULL SCHED. CALL 8290978

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### MALE/FEMALE

Expanding Web Design Co.
Needs Business Reseller
High profits
Apply online
www.cyow.com/reseller
Txt: Tine 09208660799

Immediate Hiring (M/F)XEROX OPERATOR (M)DRIVER 22-30yo College Grad exp not required Medex Mailing Station M.A.B. Inc St Luke Hosp 279 E. Rodriguez Sr QC 09283737497; 7216916

MF MATH PHYSIC TEACHERS
0928-7783936 / 4306-909

SALES CONSULTANT M/F COLL GRAD W/ OR W/O SALES EXP. 0918-9292703

Wanted: Bookkeeper. Acctg grad w/ or w/o experience 671-2660

WANTED DENTIST BRING YOUR RESUME AT 2107 P. BURGOS ST PASAY CITY CALL 4007937

---

Republic of the Philippines
**SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION**
Makati City

SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM,
Petitioner,

SSC CASE NO. 10-15777-04

– versus –

**DEALO INDUSTRIES, INC.,**
**Represented by its President/Chairman and the Board of Directors, LUCY AMELIA D. FAJELAGUTAN, LINDA DEALO, MILADA D. VALDE, MARCIAL V. DEALO, JENNIFER D. FAJELAGUTAN, MARICEL DEALO AND MILIZA VALDE,**
Respondents.

x- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -x

### SUMMONS

TO : **MR. MARCIAL DEALO**
**MS. LINDA DEALO**
**MS. MARICEL DEALO**

GREETINGS:

[illegible]eby required to file within fifteen (15) days from the date of publication of this Summons with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission, 12th Floor, SSS (Makati) Building, 6782 Ayala Avenue corner V. Rufino (formerly Herrera Street); Makati City, your Answer or other responsive pleading to the Petition filed by the Social Security System for the collection of unpaid SS contributions and the accrued penalties thereon.

You are further required to serve a copy of your Answer upon the petitioner at SSS Biñan, Branch Office, Chua Bldg., Nat'l. Hi-way, San Antonio, Biñan, Laguna.

If you fail to answer within the time prescribed above, the Hearing Commissioner, may upon motion of the petitioner of motu-proprio, declare you in teh default and shall forthwith proceed to receive the petitioner's evidence ex-parte and thereafter recommend to the Commission either the granting or denial of the petition as the evidence may warrant.

SO ORDERED
Makati City, Philippines, May 17, 2005.

SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION

(PDI – May 27, 2005)

---

SEND YOUR RESUMÉS INSTANTLY

JOB Market ONLINE

*Read it every Sunday with the Philippine Daily Inquirer and visit it online at www.jobmarketonline.com*

---

Republic of the Philippines
**SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM**
EAST AVENUE, DILIMAN, QUEZON CITY

# HIGHLIGHTS OF CONSOLIDATED OPERATIONS

For the Year Ended December 31,2004
In Million Pesos

## REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Revenues** | | **52,824.8** |
| Contributions | | 43,935.8 |
| Investment and Other Income, net | | 8,889.0 |
| **Expenditures** | | **50,209.8** |
| Benefit Payments | | 44,882.5 |
| Retirement | 19,769.8 | |
| Death and Funeral | 18,021.4 | |
| Disability | 3,141.2 | |
| Sickness and Maternity | 3,884.9 | |
| Medical and Rehabilitation Services | 65.2 | |
| Operating Expenses | | 5,327.3 |
| **Net Revenue** | | **2,615.0** |

## ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

| | |
|---|---|
| **Assets** | 176,731.2 |
| Investments | 157,062.6 |
| SSS Properties | 2,956.7 |
| Others | 15,711.9 |
| **Liabilities** | **2,698.1** |
| **Reserves** | **173,033.1** |

**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINE )**
**QUEZON CITY ) S.S.**

We, **CORAZON S. DE LA PAZ** and **ERLINDA O. DEL ROSARIO** of the above-mentioned institution do solemnly swear that all matters set forth in the above financial highlights are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

**CORAZON S. DE LA PAZ**
President & CEO

**ERLINDA O. DEL ROSARIO**
Vice President, Controllership

**SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN** to before me this 23rd day of May 2005 at Quezon City, affiants exhibiting to me their Residence Certificate No. 18195216 issued at Makati City on 24 February 2005 and Residence Certificate No. 22983428 issued at Quezon City on 14 March 2005, respectively.

NOTARY PUBLIC
(Sgd) **JESUSA F. JACOBO-RAMOS**
Until December 31, 2006
PTR No. A-6022902/1-5-05 Q.C.
TIN 118-453-218

Doc. No. 189
Book No. 39
Page No. I
Series of 2005

(PDI – May 27, 2005)

---

A partnership of two giants

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
*the country's leading newspaper*

and

John Clements Consultants, Inc.
*the largest HR firm in the Philippines*

brings forth

# Jobs@D'Mall.VisMin

**Job Market** will host - **Jobs@D'Mall.VisMin** – a special job fair-cum-seminar series at the **Ayala Center Cebu** on **June 21 to 24, 2005**, the largest and most awaited job fair for the Visayas and Mindanao region. The one-day Seminar Series hosted by **John Clements Consultants, Inc.** will be followed by an **Employment Expo** on **June 22 to 24**. This event will coincide with **Cebu ICT 2005**, an international conference and exhibition focusing on ICT and ITES.

We would like to invite your company to join in this worthwhile investment as a participant. Attached herewith are the details of the three (3) packages that we offer. Simply choose one suited to your company's needs and

Package A (Php 35,000.00)
- 1 booth measuring 2m x 3m (6 square meters)
- 1/8 page (3 cols x 20 cms) ad in Inquirer's Job Market
- ¼ page (3 cols x 18 cms) ad in Cebu Daily News
- 3 weeks online exposure in jobmarketonline.com

Package B (P20,000.00)
- 1 booth measuring 2m x 2m (4 square meters)
- 1/16 page (3 cols x 10 cms) ad in Inquirer's Job Market
- 1/8 page (3 cols x 9 cms) ad in Cebu Daily News
- 3 weeks online exposure in jobmarketonline.com

Package C
- for a minimum ½ page placement in Inquirer's Job Market, the advertiser will get one (1) FREE booth measuring 2m x 2m

**DEADLINE for Booth Reservation: June 10, 2005**

**CONFORME**

Company Name:______________________

Address:______________________

Tel. Number/s:______________________

Contact Person:______________________

JOB Market
CEBU DAILY NEWS
LoveMall!
ABS-CBN CEBU
Cedf-it
CEBU CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY • 1913 •

CareerConference@JohnClements

For more details, please contact any Inquirer Classified Ads Branch or the Cebu Daily News office.

**MAKATI (MAIN):**
PASONG TAMO AVE., COR.
YAGUE AND MASCARDO STS.
MAKATI CITY
☎ 897-0808 loc. 514,516
897-8425 (Direct)
℻ 897-8425
main_classifieds@inquirer.com.ph

**MAKATI BRANCH:**
G/F ATRIUM BLDG.,
MAKATI AVENUE,
MAKATI CITY
☎ 811-4361 / 811-4370
811-4165 / 811-4012
℻ 892-5578
makati_classifieds@inquirer.com.ph

**QUEZON CITY:**
ST. ANTHONY'S BLDG.,
891 AURORA BLVD.,
CUBAO, QC
☎ 912-9008 to 10
℻ 912-9011
cubao_classifieds@inquirer.com.ph

**MANDALUYONG:**
SM MEGAMALL, 5TH LEVEL
BUILDING B, EDSA
☎ 635-0219 / 637-2008
℻ 635-0220
sm_classifieds@inquirer.com.ph

**MANILA:**
G/F TRINITY BLDG.,
T.M. KALAW ST.,
ERMITA, MANILA
☎ 537-3342 / 528-0183
528-0186
℻ 528-0213
intra_classifieds@inquirer.com.ph

**PROVINCIAL BRANCH:**
PASONG TAMO AVE., COR
YAGUE AND MASCARDO STS.
MAKATI CITY
☎ 897-0808 loc. 243
899-4427 (Direct)
℻ 897-8425
nabad@inquirer.com.ph

**CEBU DAILY NEWS:** Mamai Duran ☎ (032) 232-7618 Abby Caruana ☎ (032) 232-0033

Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN
**OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR**
5th Floor Sandiganbayan Centennial Building
Commonwealth Avenue corner Batasan Road,
Quezon City

# BULLETIN OF VACANT POSITIONS

**In Compliance with RA 7041**

## ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

**Human Resource Management Officer III** – Item no. OMBA-HRM03-16-2003; SG-18; Education: Bachelor's Degree; Experience: 2 years of relevant experience; Training: 8 hours of relevant training; Eligibility: Career Service (Professional); Second Level Eligibility

Interested applicants should submit their applications to the Administrative Division, Office of the Special Prosecutor, 5th Floor Sandiganbayan Centennial Building, Commonwealth Ave., Quezon City within 20 working days from the date of this publication, the following requirements: (1) A letter stating the position applied for; (2) Duly accomplished Personal Data Sheet (Revised CSC Form 212); (3) 1" x 1" picture (colored); (4) Bar Rating/CSC Certificate of Eligibility; (5) Transcript of Records (6) Certificate of Seminars/Trainings attended; (7) Service Records or Certificates from previous/present employers stating the positions assumed and corresponding actual duties and responsibilities (if applicable); (8) PAR, for last two rating periods (for current government employees only); (9) Statement duly signed by the applicant as to any relative(s) within the fourth degree of consanguinity or affinity, currently employed with the Office of the Ombudsman.

---

BROOKSLAKE GARMENT
MANUFACTURING CORP.
Block C #9 K, Porong Street, Punturin
Valenzuela City 1447

## One (1) ACCOUNTING STAFF

- M/F at least 25-30 years old, BS Accountancy, board passer preferred
- Minimum two years experience in Accounts Management and Financial Analysis
- Proficient in English oral and written communication
- Computer literate a must

## One (1) ACCOUNTING OFFICER:

- M/F graduate of BS Accountancy, 30 years and above, CPA board passer
- At least 5 years managerial experience in the field of accounting (Accounts Management and Financial Analysis)
- Well versed in government accounting and government procurement procedure
- Strong leadership and highly analytical
- Effective in English oral and written communication, Cantonese speaking an advantage

Applications accepted from Mondays-Fridays,
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. only
You may also email your curriculum vitaé at
ireneb_ph@fashionexpress.com.hk

---

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This is to inform the public that **Mr. BERNIE "Bong" VELASCO** is no longer connected with North Park Noodles or any of its sister companies effective May 12, 2005. Any transaction entered into by him in behalf of the Company shall not be honored anymore.

(PDI--May 27, 2005)

---

# NFA Zamboanga intensifies rice distribution

THE NATIONAL Food Authority here has intensified its distribution in preparation for the lean months which starts in July until September. NFA Zamboanga City manager Jul Akmad Lawama said the food agency is prepared to provide the needed rice requirements of Zamboanga City and the rest of Region IX for the lean months with the arrival of imported rice from Vietnam which will beef up the current local rice supply. To assure that cheap but good quality NFA rice is available, the NFA has deployed its monitoring teams through its Palengke Watch Program. The teams are tasked to check the availability of rice and to be on the look out for unscrupulous rice businessmen who are out to over price NFA rice or divert the stocks being allocated to them. NFA rice is available in Bigasan ni Gloria sa Palengke (BGP), Tindahan ni Gloria sa Barangay (TGB), Targeted Rice Distribution Program (TRDP), Tindahan ni Pangulong Gloria rolling stores and other accredited rice outlets. For more information on NFA programs, please send inquiries via Text NFA through mobile number 0917-6210927. For information on programs of the Department of Agriculture, please visit the DA's official website at www.da.gov.ph.

---

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
**MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY**
Cebu Maritime Regional Office
Ground Floor CCCI Center, cor. 11th & 13th Avenues,
North Reclamation Area, Cebu City

Case No. CMRO 05-093

RE: Application for grant of certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) to operate a liner service in the operation of its ship/s in its/their applied route for the carriage of passengers and to charge deregulated rates and to operate under a deregulated schedule of trips pursuant to Republic Act No. 9295 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

LAPULAPU SHIPPING LINES CORPORATION,
Applicant.
x----------------------------------------------x

## ORDER

This refers to the Application for grant of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) to operate the following ship/s in its/their route/s, under the following sailing frequency/ies, schedule of trips and rates

1. For Liner Operation

| Name of Ship/s | Service/s offered/to be offered |
|---|---|
| MV LAPULAPU FERRY - 1 | Carriage of Passengers and Cargoes |
| MV HONEY | Carriage of Passengers and Cargoes |
| MV ROSALIA - 3 | Carriage of Passengers and Cargoes |

Route/s to be served

Cebu-Cataingan and vice versa; Cebu-Villaba, Leyte & vice versa; Cebu-Hilongos, Leyte and vice versa

Sailing Frequency(ies)/Schedule

| DEPARTURE | | | ARRIVAL | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Port | Day | Time | Port | Day | Time |
| Cebu | Daily | 7:00 PM | Cataingan | Daily | 5:00 AM |
| Cataingan | Daily | 7:00 PM | Cebu | Daily | 5:00 AM |
| Cebu | Daily | 8:00 PM | Villaba | Daily | 4:30 AM |
| Villaba | Daily | 8:30 PM | Cebu | Daily | 4:30 AM |
| Cebu | Daily | 12:00 NN | Hilongos | Daily | 5:00 PM |
| Hilongos | Daily | 10:00 PM | Cebu | Daily | 3:00 AM |

Schedule of Rates (Per Link)

Passage Rates

| LINKS | | Type of Accommodation/Class | Rate |
|---|---|---|---|
| From | To | | |
| Cebu | Cataingan | Upper Deck | P 380.00 |
| Cataingan | Cebu | 2nd Deck | P 360.00 |
| | | Lower Deck | P 340.00 |
| Cebu | Villaba | Upper Deck | P 180.00 |
| Villaba | Cebu | Lower Deck | P 165.00 |
| Cebu | Hilongos | Upper Deck | P 175.00 |
| Hilongos | Cebu | 2nd Deck | P 165.00 |
| | | Lower Deck | P 155.00 |

Cargo Rates

| LINKS | | Class A | Class B | Class C |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| From | To | | | |
| Cebu | Cataingan | 499.65 | 399.72 | 324.78 |
| Cebu | Villaba | 457.24 | 365.80 | 297.22 |
| Cebu | Hilongos | 448.16 | 358.53 | 291.30 |

The Applicant shall cause then publication of this order once in a newspaper once in any of the five (5) major newspaper of national circulation in the Philippines.

The Applicant shall likewise simultaneously cause the posting of this Order in a conspicuous place at the affected ports, ships Applicant's premises; passengers terminal/s and ticketing offices, as applicable.

The Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification and documentary requirements in a summary proceeding to be conducted on June 02, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at the Hearing Room, Cebu Maritime Regional Office, Ground Floor, CCCI Bldg., cor. 11th and 13th Avenues, North Reclamation Area, Cebu City which is within seven (7) days from the date of publication/posting.

The Applicant shall be required to make a written Formal Offer of Evidence (FOE). Afterwhich, the application is deemed submitted for resolution/decision.

WITNESS, the Honorable Administrator VICENTE T. SUAZO, JR. this 25th day of May 2005 at Cebu City, Philippines

(Sgd.) GLENN G. CABANEZ
Regional Director

(PDI - May 27, 2005)

---

# LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES

*Ang Bangkong May Damdaming-Bayan*
1598 M. H. del Pilar corner Dr. J. Quintos Streets, Malate, Manila
Tel. Nos. 522-0000; 526-0100 connecting all departments

## INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Land Bank of the Philippines invites interested suppliers who are (a) duly licensed Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships; or (b) 60% Filipino owned partnerships/corporations; or (c) two or more suppliers forming into joint ventures jointly and severally liable; or (d) cooperatives duly registered with the CDA; with largest single contract, similar to the items for bid, for the last 2 years, at least equal to 50% of the approved budget; and with Net Financial Contracting Capacity (NFCC) at least equal to the approved budget, to apply for eligibility and to bid for the following items:

| ITB No. | Item / Description | Approved Budget | Source of Funds |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2005-144 | 100 units Passbook Printer | P 5,284,100.00 | LBP Funds |
| | Plus: Four (4)-Year Maintenance Package (inclusive of cost on labor, parts and incidental charges for travel and lodging) | 636,000.00 | |
| | | P 5,920,100.00 | |

Bidding of the above requirements is scheduled on **June 15, 2005 at 1:00 p.m.** and the Bid Documents may be obtained from the Procurement Division of the General Services Department, 25th Floor, LANDBANK Plaza, M. H. del Pilar corner Dr. Quintos Streets, Malate, Manila, **upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P1,000.00.**

Interested suppliers are requested to attend the Pre-Bid Conference scheduled on **June 2, 2005** at the 25th Floor, Conference Room, LANDBANK Plaza, Malate, Manila.

All particulars relative to the **Qualification/Eligibility, Bid Bond, Performance Bond, Pre-bid Conference, Bid Evaluation and Award of Contract** shall be governed by the provisions of **RA 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.**

Only those bidders who comply with the Bank's requirements shall be eligible to participate in the bidding.

LANDBANK reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to declare the bidding a failure or waive any defect or informality and to accept bids as may be considered most advantageous to the Bank.

COMMITTEE ON BIDS AND AWARDS

(PDI - May 20 & 27, 2005)

---

NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY
Region 02 Mabini, Santiago City
Tel. No. (078) 682-8529 or Fax (078) 682-8247

## INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The **National Food Authority (NFA)**, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites your firm to apply for eligibility and to bid for the hereunder handling services;

| LOT NO. | PROVINCE | EXISTING APPROVED HANDLING RATE/ BAG/MOVE | ESTIMATED VOLUME TO BE HANDLED | ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF HANDLING |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Cagayan | P1.30 | 209,000 | P1,435,200.00 |
| 2 | Allacapan | P1.30 | 81,200 | P513,500.00 |
| 3 | Kalinga | P1.30 | 78,900 | P521,820.00 |
| 4 | Isabela | P1.30 | 619,400 | P4,218,240.00 |
| 5 | Nueva Vizcaya | P1.36 | 223,800 | P1,077,120.00 |
| 6 | Quirino | P1.35 | 102,400 | P586,440.00 |
| 7 | Ifugao | P1.20 | 71,200 | P433,440.00 |
| 8 | Mt. Province | P1.25 | 90,000 | 562,500.00 |
| 9 | NPGC | P1.30 | 127,300 | P585,760.00 |
| TOTAL | | | 1,603,200 | P9,914,020.00 |

Eligibility Requirements is available for issuance by the RBAC Secretariat at the NFA Regional Office, Santiago City on May 19 - June 3, 2005 upon submission of letter of intent by the prospective bidders.

Only eligible bidders are allowed to participate in this bidding. The Eligibility Check/Screening/ Preliminary examination shall use non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria as well as Post-qualification of the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bid (LCRB) shall be conducted, all in accordance with the IRR-A of RA 9184.

Please be guided with the hereunder schedule of activities.

| Activities | Schedule |
|---|---|
| 1. Submission of Letters of Intent and Application for Eligibility | May 19 - June 3, 2005 |
| 2. Issuance of Bid Documents | May 23 - June 10, 2005 |
| 3. Pre-bid Conference | June 15, 2005 |
| 4. Submission and Opening of Bids | June 22, 2005 |
| 5. Bid Evaluation | June 23-24, 2005 |
| 6. Post-qualification | June 27 - July 5, 2005 |
| 7. Award of Contract | July 5, 2005 |

Bid Document will be available only to eligible bidders upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Two Hundred Fifty (P250.00) pesos to the NFA Cashier.

The NFA assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of the bid.

(Sgd.) MARIO M. GONZALES
BAC Chairman

(PDI - May 20 & 27, 2005)

---

**For your Classified Ads requirements, call our Classifieds Advertising HOTLINES:**

**HEAD OFFICE:** 897-8808 loc. 514, 516, 899-4425, 897-2535, 897-8425 (Telefax);
**CUBAO:** 912-9008 to 11 (Aurora); **MAKATI:** 892-5578, 811-4361, 811-4370;
**KALAW:** 522-4406, 527-3342; **MEGAMALL:** 635-0219, 635-0220

---

AUCTION

**www.henrybutcher.com**

## SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION

At.: Henry Butcher Auction Center - Hilon Cmpd., Bo. Mayapa, Canlubang, Laguna
ON: TUESDAY 7TH JUNE 2005 - 10:30AM SHARP

**MOTOR VEHICLES, PHARMACEUTICAL EQUIPMENT; ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT; OFFICE FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT; MISCELLANEOUS**

MOTOR VEHICLES - TOYOTA HI-ACE GL 2.0 (2000) Van; HONDA CIVIC Automatic 1995 (UCW-832); TOYOTA TAMARAW FX 1994 (TTJ-841)
PHARMACEUTICAL EQUIPMENT - UNIVERSAL MACHINE Vibratory Duster; UNA SA Strip Packer; HAAKE Fisons GH Electronic Bath; ISCO Retriever IV Overflow Drain; DRUG-O-MATIC Continuous Feeder; FMC Vibratory Feeder; MANESTY Autofil Machine; SEPHA E-Z Blister Heat Press; ZANASI SPA Vibratory Duster; TEXEL Chemical Pumps; Ribbon Mixer; Belt Conveyors, etc.
ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT - NIKON SMZ645 Microscopes; Glass Tape Cutters; QUICKSCAN 6000 Plus Barcode Reader; HAKKO 392 Vacuum Pick-up Boxes; DSK Mini Flourescent Ring Illuminator; FUJI Fiber Optic Light Source; HIOS CB-105 Control Boxes; HIOS Torque Drivers; TOOLMATE Tool Balancer; TOSHIBA Silicone Grease; Air-Tech Clean Bench, etc.
OFFICE FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT - Swivel Office Chairs; Wooden Office Desks, Wooden Pedestal Drawers; Steel Armchairs; Printer Cartridges & Toners; Wooden Cabinets; Sofa Sets; Computer Monitors; Refrigerator, etc
MISCELLANEOUS - Aluminum Framed Glass Panels; 400 HP Induction Motor; Flourescent Lamp Fixtures; Wind Surfing Boards; Asstd, Kitchenwares, etc

On View: Monday 6th June 2005 - 9am to 5pm & morning of sale day
Refundable Deposit: Php20,000 (upon registration)
Please bring valid ID to be presented during registration

For further information please contact Carol Cosca at Tel: 049 834 6541
Email: carol.cosca@henrybutcher.com

GoIndustry Henry Butcher
HENRY BUTCHER INTERNATIONAL PHILIPPINES INC.
[illegible] Bldg., 670 Edsa, Pasay City, Philippines
[illegible] 832-2910 * 11 Fax No.: +(63-2) 831-9507
E-mail: [illegible]@henrybutcher.com
Website: www.henrybutcher.com/www.goindustry.com

---

Republic of the Philippines
PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION
Citystate Centre, 709 Shaw Boulevard, Pasig City
Healthline 637-9999 www.philhealth.gov.ph

## INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
## (PUBLIC BIDDING)

The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) wishes to invite bidders for the **STORAGE UPGRADE**.

Request for Proposal (RFP) can be obtained from May 27 to June 9, 2005, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Office of the Secretariat for the Bids and Awards Committees (OSBAC) Room 1107, 11th Floor Citystate Centre, 709 Shaw Blvd. Brgy. Oranbo, Pasig City upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Php 3,750.00.

PhilHealth had provided funds for this project for which this invitation is issued. The approved budget for this contract is Php 7,500,000.00.

A pre-bid conference will be held on June 10, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. at the OSBAC Conference Room (Rm. 1804).

The bidders shall prepare their duly accomplished eligibility requirements, technical and financial proposal in three separate sealed envelopes and drop in the respective bid boxes located at the above-mentioned address.

Submission of bids will be on June 28, 2005 on or before 12:00 noon at the OSBAC. Opening of bids will follow at 1:30 p.m. at Rm. 1804. Any bidder who comes late will not be entertained. The official time clock shall be the wall clock located at Room 1107 (OSBAC). Any bid submitted after the cut-off time will not be accepted.

The BAC-ITR shall determine if each prospective bidder is eligible to participate in the bidding by examining the completeness of each prospective bidder's eligibility requirements or statements against a checklist of requirements, using the non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria.

To guarantee the faithful performance by the winning bidder of his/her obligations under the contract prepared in accordance with the bidding documents, he/she shall post a Bid Security in any of the following forms and amount:

| Forms of Security | Minimum Amount in % of Approved Budget for the Contract to be Bid | Amount of Bid Security |
|---|---|---|
| Cash, certified check, cashier's check, manager's check, bank draft or irrevocable letter of credit | One percent (1%) | Php 75,000.00 |
| Bank Guarantee | One and a half percent (1 1/2%) | Php 112,500.00 |
| Surety Bond | Two and a half percent (2 1/2%) | Php 187,500.00 |
| Foreign Government Guarantee | One hundred percent (100%) | Php 7,500,000.00 |

We look forward to your participation in this worthwhile endeavor.

**PhilHealth reserves the right to waive any formality on the eligibility requirements and of this project. Furthermore, PhilHealth reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract, and makes no assurance that a contract shall be entered as a result of this invitation.**

(Sgd.) MELINDA C. MERCADO
SVP, Health Insurance Operations Sector and
Chairperson, BAC-ITR

(PDI - May 27 & June 3, 2005)

---

NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY
Quezon City

## NOTICE OF SALE THRU AUCTION

The National Food Authority (NFA) wishes to announce to all interested Farmer's Organizations (FO's), Retailers and other interested NFA licensed wholesalers/millers that NFA will be accepting sealed offers for the Sale thru Auction of 50,000 MT or (1.0-Million bags) 15% brokens Vietnam Rice as follows:

| COVERAGE | VOLUME (IN BGS) | INDICATIVE PRICE | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | Ex Vessel | Ex-Warehouse |
| Mindanao | 200,000 | P970.00/bag | P1,010/bag |
| Visayas | 300,000 | P970.00/bag | P1,010/bag |
| Luzon | 500,000 | P970.00/bag | P1,010/bag |

The Pre-auction Conference and Auction Proper shall be held at 2:00 PM in the following dates or until the whole volume for auction has been sold/exhausted:

| Venue | Contact Person | Pre-Auction Conference | Auction Proper |
|---|---|---|---|
| NFA Davao Office<br>Sta. Ana Ave., Davao City<br>(for Mindanao only) | Ms. Dianne Silva<br>Tel # (083) 554-3200<br>Tel # (082) 227-4166 | June 2, 2005 | June 6, 2005 |
| NFA Cebu Office<br>Gov M. Cuenco Ave.,<br>Banilad, Cebu City<br>(for Visayas only) | Mr. Plotto Santos<br>Tel # (032) 232-1939<br>Tel # (032) 232-6832 | June 3, 2005 | June 6, 2005 |
| FDC, FTI Compound<br>Taguig, Metro Manila<br>(for Luzon only) | Ms. Esplo Tecson<br>Tel # 712-1706<br>Tel # 712-1572 | June 2, 2005 | June 6, 2005 |

All offers must be accompanied by bid bond equivalent to 10% of the volume bidded in the form of Manager's or Cashier's Check payable to NFA issued by a reputable commercial bank.

Interested bidders may secure the terms and conditions starting June 2, 2005 at the aforementioned venues from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. For any inquiries, interested bidders can call the above-mentioned contact persons

Bid documents will be available during the pre-auction conference to qualified bidders/offerors upon payment of non-refundable fee of P1,500.00 for FO's and retailers and P3,000.00 for other interested bidders (wholesalers/millers).

The National Food Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any formality thereof, and to accept only such bids that are advantageous to the Agency.

(Sgd.) CONRADO DL IBANEZ
Assistant Administrator /
Chairman, Disposition Committee

(PDI - May 27 & 30 2005)

Manila Memorial Park
Leading the Way
SUCAT
HOLY CROSS
DASMARIÑAS
CEBU
DAVAO
(632) 815 1875 or 90
(632) 893 8374 to 77
BULACAN

# OBITUARIES

THE HERITAGE PARK
FORT BONIFACIO
Funeral Home and Crematory
845-2334 to 38; 845-2440

*" If I could wish my life to be perfect, it would be tempting*
*but I would have to decline, for life would no longer teach me anything"*
*-allyson jones.*

## 1LT ROBERTO A. MANLONGAT,JR PAF

**of Philippine Military Academy "Sanghaya" Class 2000**

*now peacefully rests in the infinite Grace and Goodness*
*of the Lord on the 24th of May 2005 at the age of 29.*

His loving wife **Abigail**, children **Roby, Lexy & Ella**, father **Gen Roberto Manlongat, Sr.** & mother **Estrella**, brother **Herbert**, sister **Lanie**, relatives, friends and Mistahs from the Philippine Military Academy request for prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Libingan Ng Mga Bayani Mortuary, Taguig City. Necrological Services will be on Monday, 30 May 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

Interment will be on Tuesday, May 31, 2005, 11:00 a.m. at the Libingan Ng Mga Bayani, Taguig City.

---

## Manuel "Zam" Z. Zamudio

**(San Fabian, Pangasinan)**

Retired from the Commission On Audit (COA), now peacefully rests in the Infinite Grace & Goodness of the Lord, on the 24th of May 2005 at the age of 84.

His loving wife **Sally**, son **Ernie**, grandchildren **Mae, Fae** and **Archie**, brothers, sisters and their spouses, **Rose & Larry Recto, Tony** (†) **& Alice Roca, Ike & Nene Sibal, Peping & Nona Sevidal, Alice** and **Dado Gubatan, Melly & Ding Cabansag** (†), nephews, nieces and relatives request prayers for the repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at La Funeraria Novaliches, Quirino Highway, Novaliches, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Saturday, 28th of May 2005 at the Holy Cross Memorial Park, at 9 o'clock AM after the 8 o'clock AM Mass.

---

"From
darkness
let the
light
shine!"
Genesis 1:3

---

## MARIA RIVERA GUZMAN

*Has joined her husband* ***CARLOS M. GUZMAN***
*and peacefully rest in the infinite warmth and*
*embrace of our Lord on May 24, 2005 at the age of 99.*

Her loving children **Manuel** and **Angelina**; **Renato** and **Consuelo** (†); **Carlos Jr**. and **Lucita**; **Nilda** (†) and **Melecio**; **Francis** and **Estela** (†), **Lita** and **Edilberto**; **Filipinas** (†); **Purita** and **Whitby**; **Conchita**; **Jesse** and **Rachel**.

Her remains lie in state at Chapel 3-4 Loyola Memorial Chapels, Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City.

Interment will be on Sunday, May 29, 2005 after the 3 p.m. Mass at the Holy Trinity Chapel, Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City.

---

## ATTY. LUIS "Titos" Q. TABORA

*March 27, 1925 – May 26, 2005*
*Peacefully joined our Lord on May 26, 2005*
*at the age of 80 years old.*

His loving wife **WIVINIA "BIBING" ESCALER TABORA** (†)

His children **MANOLO & DOMINIQUE, NANETTE & PAT VILLANUEVA, ANNA & SANTI PALOMARES, ANGIE & MARI IMPERIAL, MARILOU & NOY FIRMACION, MARIVIC, MARISSA & SUZETTE** his grandchildren and great-grandchildren;

His brothers **JOSE & RAMON**; sister **LETTY TEODORO**, in-laws **ERNIE** (†) **& MA. LUISA** (†), **ALICE** (†) **& TITONG** (†), **ELISITA** (†) **& CLEM** (†), **JOE** (†) **& NONANG, BISHOP FREDDIE S.J., WEISS** (†) **& CHIT** (†) request everyone to join in praying for the eternal repose of his soul.

The wake will be at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Shrine Parish, Holy Family Chapels, Doña Juana Rodriguez Ave., (Broadway), New Manila, Q.C. Funeral Mass will be on Sunday, May 29, 2005 at 2 p.m. (Main Church) followed by interment at the Mt. Carmel crypt.

---

We design OBITUARIES for free.

---

## FELICISIMO GONZALEZ MOJICA

**of San Rafael, Bulacan**

*Peacefully joined our Lord*
*on May 23, 2005 at the age of 68.*

His bereaved wife **Mercedita Aguilar**; children **Marilou** and **Mark Felipe, Marissa** and **John Reyes, Maribel, Maricel** and only son **Felicisimo Jr.**; grandchildren **Coco** and **CJ Felipe, Jamie, Nikki** and **Ethan Reyes**; sisters **Digna M. Poblete** and **Carmencita M. Guizano**; and in-laws request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at his residence in Caingin, San Rafael, Bulacan.

Interment will be on Sunday, May 29, 2005 after the 2:00 p.m. Mass at the Sto. Cristo Parish, Caingin, San Rafael, Bulacan.

---

*I have fought*
*the good fight,*
*I have finished*
*the race,*
*I have kept*
*the faith*

(2 Timothy 4)

---

*"Even when I walk through a dark valley, I feel no harm.*
*For you are at my side, your rod and staff give me courage ..."*
***Psalm 23:4***

**Our "MISTAH"**

## FRANCISCO "Frank" B. BARAQUEL Jr.

**Police Superintendent**
**PMA Sinagtala Class of 1986**

*Gave his Last Taps and Joined Our Creator on May 24, 2005*

The Class joins his bereaved wife **RISA**; children **FRANCISCO RAMON, ISABELLA, HELENA** and **JACINTA**; his family, siblings, relatives and friends in praying for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Virgen dela Estrada Chapel, Katipunan Road, Quezon City (May 26, 2005) before it is transferred to the PNP Multi-Purpose Center, Camp Crame, Quezon City (May 27, 2005).

Thanksgiving Services will be at 8:00 p.m. May 27, 2005. Interment will be at 12:00 noon on May 28, 2005 at Himlayang Pilipino, Tandang Sora, Quezon City.

# CLASSIFIEDS

## NFA announces winners in rice auction

THE RIGHT to distribute in the market a total of 950,220 bags of high quality rice of 15 percent brokens has been awarded by the National Food Authority to farmers organizations (FOs), retailers and other interested buyers in a recent bidding, according to NFA administrator Gregorio Y. Tan Jr. Those that won in the auction are 10 farmers organizations, 19 retailers and seven other interested buyers who offered bids last

May 6 at the agency's Food Development Center. Tan said that the rice won by the FOs, retailers group and the other buyers will be sold in the commercial market. He added the rice is part of the government's importation for this year. A total of four million bags have been actually offered for auction but only 950,220 bags have been awarded. Of the 200,000 MT offered for auction the FOs and retailers group were allocated 40,000 MT each while the remaining 120,000 MT was open to all other interested buyers, according to NFA assistant administrator Conrado DL. Ibañez who also acted as chairman of the Disposition Committee.

POEA 24-HR HOTLINES 722-1144 • 722-1155

---

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
SKM
GAIA SOUTH, INC Environmental Consultants

METRO MANILA AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT SECTOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING AND CAPACITY BUILDING (ISCB) COMPONENTS

### NOTICE TO SUBMIT EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

A major program to improve air quality in Metro Manila is currently being implemented with the support of the Asian Development Bank. One of its projects is tasked to strengthen the Government's Environmental Management Bureau in managing air pollution from industry. This project now invites Expression Of Interest from Philippine companies specializing in the design and development of customized software solutions.

Local companies capable of developing a system to manage documents and other information and track procedures from the Bureau's permitting and compliance programs are invited to register their interest. This system will use an Internet-based architecture and conform to specifications developed by the project.

For more details please download the Expression of Interest (EOI) template from www.emb.gov.ph/mmaqeol/main.htm and submit it as per the Tendering Process outline at that address. Qualified short-listed candidates will then be invited to develop a full proposal based on our detailed specifications.

(Sgd.) BILL FARREL
Project Manager

(PDI – May 27 & 28, 2005)

---

PNOC ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Energy Center, Merritt Road, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig, Metro Manila
Philippines MCPO Box 2102 Tel No. 893-6001/1320

### INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

PNOC-Energy Development Corporation (PNOC-EDC) invites interested contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the project:

**PROCUREMENT OF HIGH-VISCOSITY SODIUM POLYACRYLATE MUD ADDITIVE**
**EDC05-060**

The Approved Budget is P55,500,000.00 chargeable against PNOC-EDC fund. The contract duration is 2 years.

Application Forms for Eligibility and Bid Documents may be secured from the PNOC-EDC Contracts Administration Group (c/o M.C. Barile) starting May 26, 2005 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Pesos: One Thousand (P1,000.00).

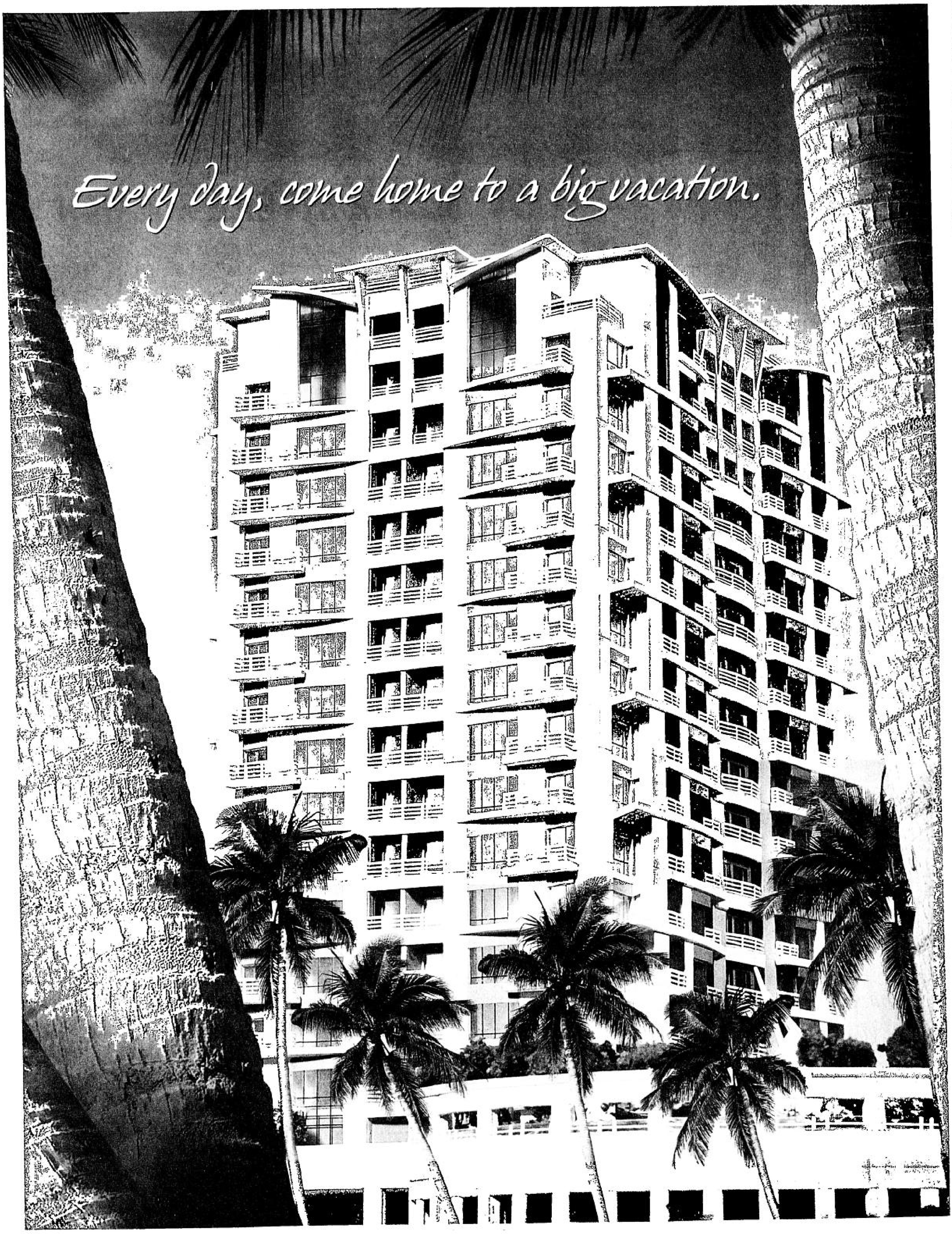
For the purpose of clarifying certain issues, a pre-bid conference will be held on June 3, 2005, 10:00 a.m. at the Bidding Room, 1st Floor, Building V, PNOC-EDC, Energy Complex, Merritt Road, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig.

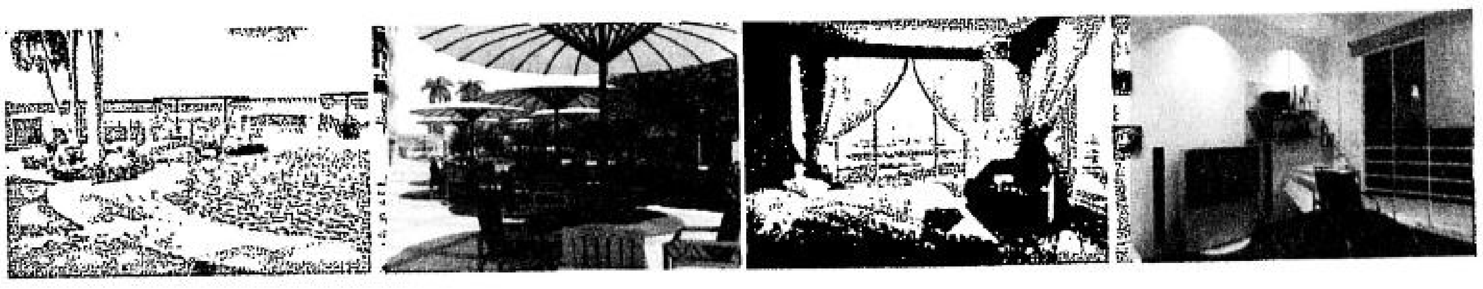
Applications for Eligibility and sealed bids shall be received by the PNOC-EDC Contracts Administration Group at PNOC-EDC, 1st floor Bldg. 5, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig, Metro Manila, not later than 2:00 p.m. on June 21, 2005 and shall be publicly opened immediately thereafter.

PNOC-EDC reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts thereof, to waive any informality therein, to abort the bidding process, to accept such bids or to award any part of the work to any bidder whose bid is considered most advantageous to PNOC-EDC.

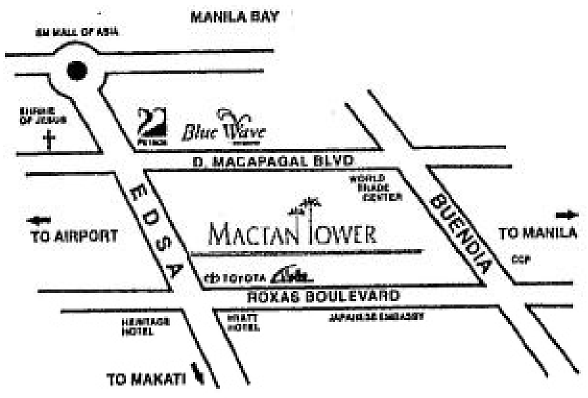
BAC CHAIRMAN

(PDI--May 27, 2005)


Every day, come home to a big vacation.



BAY
GARDEN
Resort-Inspired Living


SM MALL OF ASIA
MANILA BAY
SHRINE OF JESUS
Blue Wave
D. MACAPAGAL BLVD
WORLD TRADE CENTER
EDSA
BUENDIA
TO AIRPORT
MACTAN TOWER
TO MANILA
CCP
TOYOTA
ROXAS BOULEVARD
HERITAGE HOTEL
HYATT HOTEL
JAPANESE EMBASSY
TO MAKATI

Introducing: Bay Garden Mactan Tower, the height of resort-inspired living from Federal Land.

The first thing you will notice is the view. The blue sky spreading out before you through your magnificent floor-to-ceiling windows. The cityscape unfolding before you from your outdoor lanai.

You will discover space. Lots of space. The outdoor playground. The mini-putting green. The outdoor barbecue. The poolside cabanas. Because Mactan Tower boasts of generous open space within the development.

So feel free to move. Relax. Be yourself. There will be no boundaries.

At Mactan Tower, every day feels like a vacation. That's why living here is sure to be a unique and liberating experience.

Visit us at Roxas Blvd., cor. Edsa Ext., Metropolitan Park, Pasay City.

Designer Showroom
**551-0888**

FedSales Marketing Inc.
**886-0000**

Omni-Orient
Marketing Network Inc.
**891-8888**

FEDERALAND
OWNER • DEVELOPER • PROPERTY MANAGER
Taking Life Higher

www.federalland.com.ph

BUSINESS Friday
E-mail: pr_business@inquirer.com.ph
Business Features Editor Margie Quimpo-Espino

# Asian SMEs primed for growth, RP seen as laggard

**ASIAN entrepreneurs are primed for growth and optimistic that their businesses will do well this year.**

FILIPINO SMEs are optimistic too about this year but the perception outside the country is that the small businessmen are not competitive.

This is based on the findings of the first annual UPS Asia Business Monitory survey, a study of the competitiveness issues faced by Asia's small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

UPS today announced the findings of its first annual Asia Business Monitor ("UPS ABM") survey, a study of the competitiveness issues faced by Asia's small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

The study found Asia's SMEs primed for growth and optimistic about 2005, with the information technology and telecommunications sector leading their economies forward.

Regionally, 49 percent of SME leaders expect economic growth in 2005 and 65 percent expect their businesses to do better in 2005. Economic prospects in the Philippines and Indonesia lagged the region. However, Philippine SMEs remain positive about their businesses, with 62 percent expecting business growth in 2005.

When asked what business concerns kept them up at night, government issues topped the list, a concern cited by 30 percent of Philippine SMEs. This was followed by inflation of raw materials and rising oil prices (20 percent) and cash flow concerns (18 percent). Across the region, cash flow proved to be the top concern for SMEs, cited by 23 percent of all respondents.

"The UPS Asia Business Monitor was conducted to provide UPS and our customers with a better understanding of the unique needs and concerns of the region's SMEs," said Gillian Sim, UPS Philippines managing director. "SMEs are essential to Asia's economy because they are key drivers of growth, productivity and innovation.

The following are highlights of the UPS ABM findings:

**1. Asia's SMEs primed for growth.**

Regional SME leaders are cautiously optimistic about the economy, with 49 percent expecting growth in their markets in 2005, and even more optimistic about their businesses, with 57 percent reporting a better business out. Some 65 percent expecting their business to grow in 2005. These encouraging signs were reinforced by high expectations for hiring—46 percent of SME leaders expect to hire and only 5 percent expect to lay off staff.

While only 18 percent of SMEs surveyed across the region expect economic growth in the Philippines, Philippine SMEs remain positive about their businesses, with 54 percent reporting success in 2004 and 62 percent thinking that their businesses will be better off at the end of 2005. This optimism also is reflected in expectations for hiring, with 42 percent of Philippine SMEs expecting to increase their workforce this year and only 72 percent expecting to reduce their workforce.

**2. Information technology and telecommunications leads the way**

Across the region, 88 percent of SME leaders see the information technology and telecommunications (IT&T) sector as the most important industry in their countries for the next two years. IT&T is followed in importance by the financial industry, considered important by 79 percent, and the transport and logistics industry, which is important to 78 percent.

In the Philippines, 94 percent of local SMEs rate the utilities and energy sector as important. This was followed by the IT and T sector, considered important by 92 percent, and the financial sector, which was considered important by 86 percent of respondents.

**3. Chinese SMEs dominate in competitiveness rankings**

Most SME leaders believe that China is best poised to capitalize on future growth, with 73 percent of respondents finding Chinese SMEs to be more competitive than SMEs in their own countries. Philippine and Indonesian SMEs ranked the least competitive. Philippine SMEs also think highly of their Chinese counterparts, with 83 percent of Philippine SME leaders considering Chinese SMEs more competitive than SMEs in the Philippines, the highest ranking in the region.

**4. Innovation a major obstacle to competitiveness**

The biggest obstacle to SME competitiveness across Asia—factors considered both important and lacking—are innovation access to market intelligence and other business information, and access to funding and capital. Other important factors include the availability of qualified staff, access to overseas markets, entrepreneurial spirit and supply chain efficiency. Government support is seen as almost universally lacking across Asia.

In the Philippines, SMEs find a lack of access to funds and working capital to be the biggest obstacle to their competitiveness, followed by a lack of an adequate transportation infrastructure, a lack of supply chain efficiency, a lack of access to overseas markets and a lack of market intelligence and other business information.

**5. China's emergence a mixed blessing**

China's competitiveness and emergence as a manufacturing center for the world was met by divided opinions from the region's SMEs. When asked whether China's growth is a boon or a thread to their businesses, 43 percent of SMEs saw a positive effect, 27 percent saw a negative impact, 17 percent saw both positive and negative aspects and 12 percent saw neither.

Philippine SMEs view China's predominance as much more of a danger, with 44 percent of the respondents seeing it as a threat, 29 percent seeing it as a boost, 16 percent seeing it both as a threat and a boost, and 11 percent seeing it as neither.

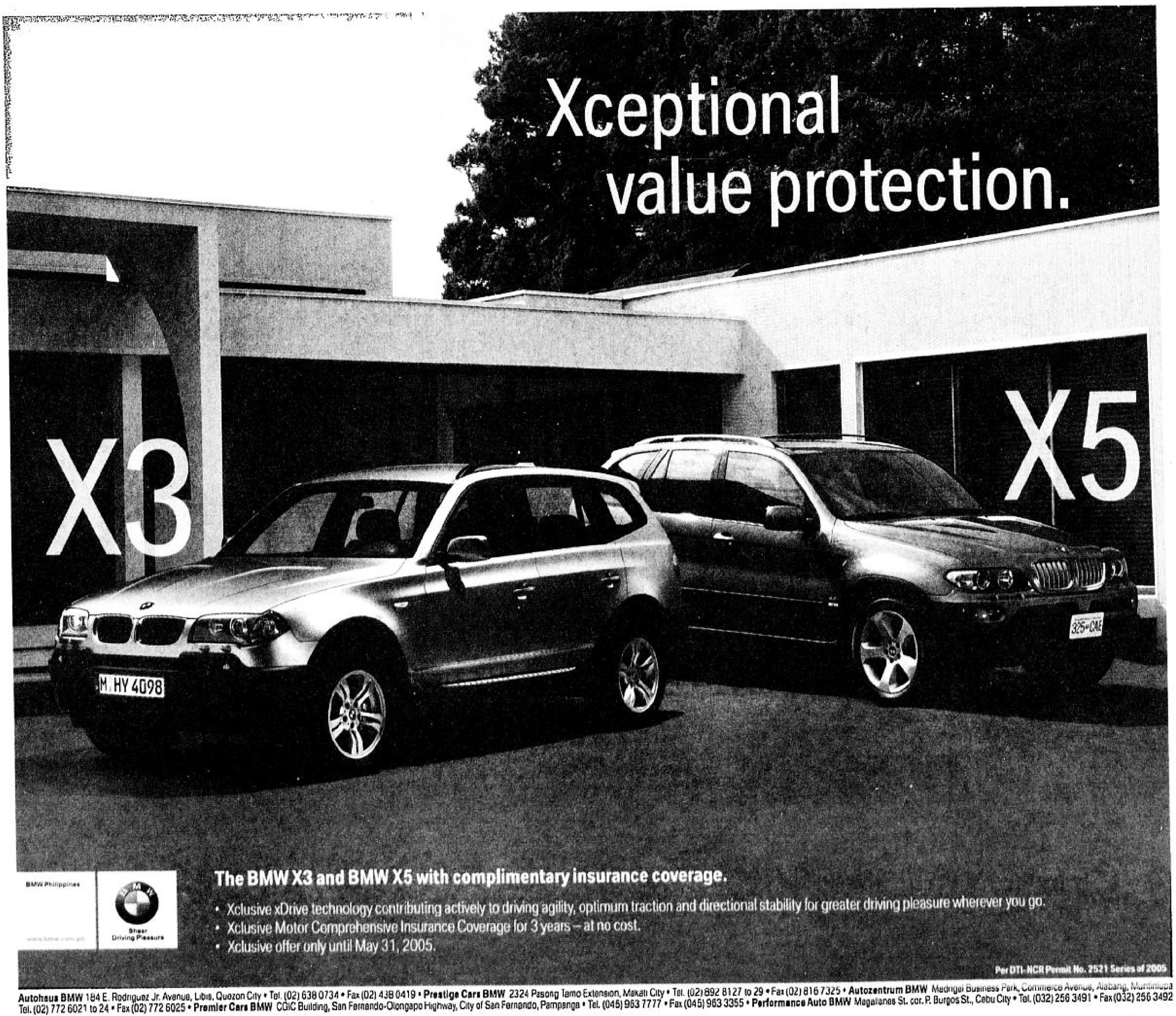
**6. Business concerns when doing business with China**

On a region wide basis, over 60 percent of respondents were concerned with eight factors about doing business with China, chief among which were intellectual property protection (69 percent) and transparency (88 percent).

Philippine SMEs are even more concerned with doing business with China ranking each factor more worrying than the regional average. This is led by intellectual property protection, a concern to 82 percent of Philippine SMEs, trust in business partners a concern to 81 percent and transparency, a concern to 78 percent.

UPS is the world's largest package delivery company and a leader in supply chain services. The study surveyed more than 1,200 decision makers from Asian SMEs. SMEs are defined as companies with less than 250 employees.

Majority of the SMEs interviewed had an annual turnover between $500,000 (P27.5 million) and $10 million (P550 million).



**The BMW X3 and BMW X5 with complimentary insurance coverage.**

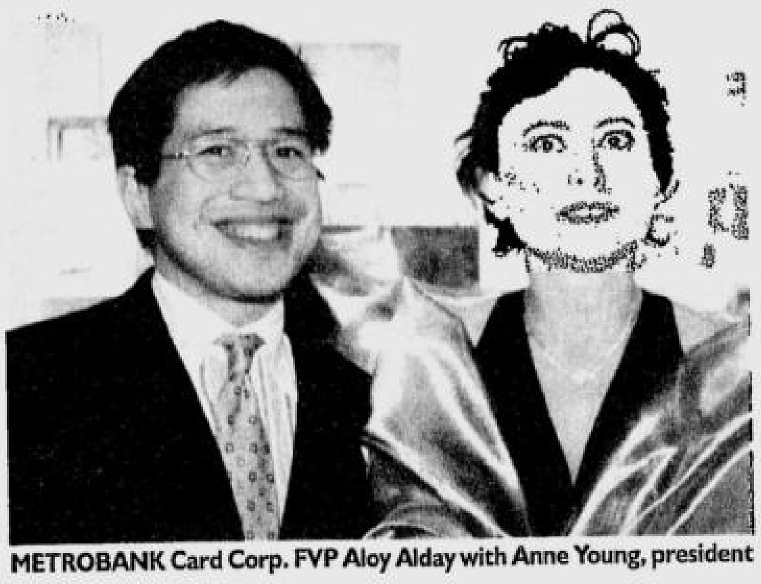
- Xclusive xDrive technology contributing actively to driving agility, optimum traction and directional stability for greater driving pleasure wherever you go.
- Xclusive Motor Comprehensive Insurance Coverage for 3 years – at no cost.
- Xclusive offer only until May 31, 2005.

Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 2521 Series of 2005

**Autohaus BMW** 184 E. Rodriguez Jr. Avenue, Libis, Quezon City • Tel. (02) 638 0734 • Fax (02) 438 0419 • **Prestige Cars BMW** 2324 Pasong Tamo Extension, Makati City • Tel. (02) 892 8127 to 29 • Fax (02) 816 7325 • **Autozentrum BMW** Madrigal Business Park, Commerce Avenue, Alabang, Muntinlupa Tel. (02) 772 6021 to 24 • Fax (02) 772 6025 • **Premier Cars BMW** CGIC Building, San Fernando-Olongapo Highway, City of San Fernando, Pampanga • Tel. (045) 963 7777 • Fax (045) 963 3355 • **Performance Auto BMW** Magallanes St. cor. P. Burgos St., Cebu City • Tel. (032) 256 3491 • Fax (032) 256 3492

# Beat your cash shortfall with a plastic card

**By Margie Quimpo-Espino**



METROBANK Card Corp. FVP Aloy Alday with Anne Young, president

BUYING items on installment, just like buying shampoo or even deodorant in a sachet, is alien to most of the world but part of daily existence in the Philippines.

"The US for example is unaware of deferred charging or installment payments," explains Aloysius "Aloy" Alday Jr., first vice president, marketing division, of the Metrobank Card Corp.

It is such an unusual, albeit logical way of selling things in a developing country, that other countries, like India and Indonesia, have recently adopted this scheme using the Philippines as a model.

Several years ago, the Bank of the Philippine Islands started what has since been an annual event, called the Appliance Madness where shoppers get to buy appliances on a no-interest payment scheme over a certain period.

This was launched during crisis time when demand for appliances were on the decline and manufacturers and banks had to cook up schemes to make people buy. The solution was to buy items, again on installment basis, so inherent to the Filipinos' "tingi-tingi" or "gives" culture.

Other banks soon followed and at certain times of the year consumers can buy huge ticket items like refs, airconditioners, oven, TV, sound system on installment basis with no interest.

But these schemes are all geared for purchase of appliances. Metrobank Card believes it has taken the deferred payment scheme a step further with its is a step further with its BEAT scheme. Although launched three years, ago, Metrobank Card has added a twist to this scheme—its cardholders no longer need to present documents like receipts, purchase orders or quotations as was required before to avail of a cash loan via the credit card.

Cardholders can just go to any Metrobank branch to request for funds. Cardholders pay through their Metrobank Credit Card in installments of three, six, nine or 12 months at an add-on interest rate of 1.25 percent per month.

A loan of P10,000, payable in one year will mean a monthly amortization of P958.33 for 12 months.

Alday explains the scheme allows the borrowers to plan their expenses.

"In the past installment payments were limited to clothes and appliances. But people have other needs and this gives them the flexibility like tuition fees, travel, car repairs, hospitalization, home improvement or new cell phones," says Alday..

Metrobank Card prides itself as having the "lowest delinquency" rate among credit card firms. Their secret is simple—they grow their card base internally, tapping into existing Metrobank depositors which number 3.5 million, which they say is the biggest in the country.

Thus before approving an application for a credit card, they have already been screened and their depositor record already scrutinized.

To date, Metrobank card holders number 400,000, a 30-percent increase since they tied up with ANZ Bank, the largest card issuer in Australia, in November 2003. ANZ owns 40 percent of the firm.

Alday says ANZ's expertise lies in portfolio analysis, behavioral scoring.

Alday opines the Philippines is still a "sleeping giant" when it comes to credit cards with only about 2.5 million credit cards issued. Some of these card holders have more than one card so the 2.5 million does not represent individuals but cards issued which means the number of people is much smaller. Population of the country stands at about 84 million.

Alday talks about the quirks of the local market which includes penchant for home entertainment related items as the most purchased via credit cards.

The Metrobank Card is also the first one to issue credit cards to overseas Filipino workers in places like Hong Kong, Taiwan, where Metrobank has an office in.

Traditionally, the OFWs do not have the necessary documents to back their application. What Metrobank did was issue Value Mastercards to those who have deposits with them and gave them credit limits equivalent to their deposits.

The credit limit however changes depending on the deposit holdings of these OFWS.

---

# Junk collection turns into accessories venture

**By Irma Faith Pal**
*PDI Visayas Bureau*

DUMAGUETE CITY—Like many young people of her time, Gift Sarne-Regalado tried to find her niche in areas that were remotely related to the course she took up in school.

Two years after obtaining her Speech & Theater degree from Silliman University in 1990, Gift and husband Joseph opened a convenience store called Kwik Pik near Rizal Boulevard here.

After operating the store for three years, they moved to Bacolod City in Negros Occidental, leaving Kwik Pik under someone's management.

The long distance management arrangement didn't work and the business folded up. So Gift ventured into the restaurant business with the same name, then a dress shop called La Modista in Bacolod.

They had to give up running the restaurant in downtown Bacolod, however, because it was mostly selling beer to students—which they found incompatible with their Christian beliefs. La Modista also closed shop after their master cutter was pirated by a competitor.

Throughout those years, Gift continued to accumulate semi precious stones, sterling silver, jade, lapis lazuli, hard wood, even color paperclips, and many other *burloloy* during her various trips here and abroad.

"I had collected many beautiful things that soon, I was starting to wonder what I would do with them."

Initially, Joseph would chide Gift of her penchant for collecting "junk," to which she would retort, "This would bring in the money someday."

From her collection, Gift started putting things together to make necklaces, bracelets, earrings, belts, bags—to make her wardrobe more attractive.

Her friends liked what they saw, and started asking Gift to make them something "just like that." The "orders" kept growing until she decided to finally convert her *bisyo* into a *negosyo*.

Next thing she knew, she was inviting friends over to her apartment to show them her new creations. "We would look like moms having a Tupperware party of sorts," Gift says.

With the number of bead shops and craft stores and shellshops that have sprouted since the time ethnic *burloloy* and country designs became fashionable, Gift says she had to innovate and be different—even though she only went public in October last year during the Oriental Negros Buglasan Festival of Festivals where she was given the "break" to display her bracelets and necklaces in the booth area.

## Desgins from dreams

Gift admits she is partly influenced by what's hot in Hollywood (one customer actually noted that Gift's multi-stringed necklace looked like what Julia Roberts wore to the awards night).

Gift also gets inspiration from what she sees in her trips to funky places in the US ("They were vibrant, happy colors in various shapes and sizes"), and what she learned in a Basic Beadwork Training in Chicago.

"On other occasions," Gift says, "it sounds ridiculous but the designs come to me in my dreams. If I wake up in the middle of the night, or at dawn, I'd come down to my kitchen, which also serves as my workplace, and actually put the components together."

She would mix and match lime strips of wood with light fuschia beads, or blue wooden "marbles" with yellow squares of coco wood, or browned capiz buttons with pink beads, or a piece of a coconut shell with leather and capiz and weave them with a gold wire, or string them through a leather strip or braided threads and cords wound in a geometrical fashion.

Some designs almost have no clear pattern. And because they're all hand-made, no two pieces—even in a set of bead curtains, for instance—are exactly alike.

Their business in indigenous accessories is not even two years old, but already, she has qualified to compete for a market share during the 10-day exhibit at Market-Market in Global City—mainly because no one else makes the kinds of accessories she designs.

At Market-Market in September, Gift will exhibit and sell her indigenous accessories and other trinkets together with seasoned exporters and more established manufacturers of gifts, accessories, and novelty items.

Gift Sarne wearing a creation she calls "This is the One."

For this particular exhibit, she's contemplating over a more ethnic trade name. She says the current "Gift 'R Us" sounds too western, and gives the impression of being so mechanized.

"With this business of accessories now, we are more confident because I am my own designer. Joseph does the marketing and financial aspects. We actually make what we're selling, we're so hands-on on this project," Gift says.

Her "factory" is her backyard where one man dyes little pieces of coco wood into pastels. Her kitchen in a cramped apartment has about five helpers who either braid or string together the curtain beads, necklaces, earrings, bracelets, belts.

She also demonstrated the process to the women and their children iwho wanted to earn extra in their ancestral farm in Bio-os in the town of Amlan.

## Consistently classy

"I'm a big fan of Gift's goods and I have a particular favorite that I wear anytime," said Annabelle Lee Adriano, manager of Antulang Resort in Siaton, Oriental Negros, which also sells Gift's wearable art.

"Having made comparisons with the stone/wooden accessories sold in Cebu, Gift's items still stand out because her pieces are consistently classy," notes Adriano.

Gift says when she puts together pastels or bright colors, little pieces or chunky ones, wood, stone, corals or faux pearls, she does so bearing in mind that these could go along with jeans or khakis, white tee, or beach wear, or an evening dress.

Another regular swears by Gift's accessories: "Her items look simple but they exude class and elegance. They could compete with what you see in Mango at Rockwell or Rustan's or Bayo," said Theresa Teves, a homemaker who mostly wears only her cousin Rajo Laurel's creations.

Although Joseph has yet to put up their dream one-stop pasalubong shop in this University Town, complete with budbod and tsokolate—for which the cities of Dumaguete and Tanjay are also known—Gift is meanwhile supplying the stocks of accessories in resorts like Antulang in Siaton, the Private Residence and in El Dorado in the town of Dauin, and Forest Camp in Valencia.

In Dumaguete, her items are also sold in Handpicked in Daro, Hayahay along Piapi Beach, and South Sea Resort in Bantayan.

## SME-government partnership

Gift says she hopes that more government support could be accorded small-medium entrepreneurs like her even as she lauded the Department of Trade and Industry in Negros Occidental and their provincial government for being bullish about promotions of their crafts and products.

She says the ANP in Bacolod is a good example of a robust private-government partnership. Also within the ANP, they adhere to strict house rules like no two members can manufacture the same product.

Meanwhile, Gift is negotiating with a clothes shop to supply the accessories for its new line that will be launched soon.

Although the items by then would not anymore carry Gift's trade name and tag, you could tell they are hers because they will continue to bear the mark that sets her designs apart from the rest.

"This little negosyo of mine has been like a whirlwind. We see it as a blessing because everything is just falling into the right place," Gift says.

Jackie Veloso chooses burnt orange "Classic Elegance" stones and " Beauty in Abundance" wooden beads.

---

# Ad experts to talk in Creative Guild event

EXPERTS will share their knowledge and experience with Filipino ad practitioners and students in a bid to improve industry standards in terms of concept and crafting during the 20th anniversary of the Creative Guild on June 7.

The event carries the theme "Kalat, Mulat, Angat."

Speakers include Prasoon Joshi, regional executive director, McCann Erickson Asia Pacific. He is recognized for bringing about a paradigm shift in the Indian advertising industry. His work has won the prestigious Gold Lions at Cannes as well as honors in One Show, Clio, London International Festival, Adfest Asia and Media Spike. Prasoon is also a poet who published his first book at 17. He has written lyrics to pop songs for Bollywood blockbusters and music albums. As a humanitarian, he has achieved socially significant work for the problem of HIV and woman empowerment.

Andy Greenway took the helm of O&M Singapore in 1998. In less than two years, he propelled the agency to the No. 1 spot in the Campaign Brief Asia rankings, a position the agency has held five years in a row. In Cannes 2002, the agency won three Cannes Lions, one silver and 26 finalists, a record for Asia Pacific. As a writer, Andy has over 100 major awards to his credit. He is now regional executive creative director for Saatchi South Asia.

New Zealand's Paul Prince is a renowned expert in TV commercial production. He heads the Sweet Shop, which has been rated as one of the world's top 20 production companies by Boards Magazine. His company produces high quality commercials for clients from around the world. In addition, because of its outstanding work, the Sweet Shop has helped make New Zealand one of the leading companies as rated by the Gunn Report, a worldwide ranking of creative excellence.

Sharing his insights in the latest print production techniques is Johnson Tan, owner of Procolor Pte., the leading retouching and digital imaging supplier in Singapore. Procolor has been responsible for hundreds of international awards for clients, including most of the region's leading ad agencies.

With this list of speakers, the Creative Summit hopes that the event will serve as a catalyst to the Philippines becoming the capital of award-winning breakthrough commercials.

---

# Talk on new Vat law set

SYCIP Gorres Velayo & Co., in cooperation with the Knowledge Institute, will hold a tax seminar on Understanding the New VAT Law on June 14, 2005, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Skytop of the InterContinental Manila, Makati City.

The seminar will focus on the provisions of the new VAT Law (RA 9337) and other amendments to the Tax Code on income, gross receipts, percentage and excise taxes. Executive Order No. 422 on the BIR's No Audit Program will also be discussed.

BIR Deputy Commissioner Kim Jacinto-Henares and SGV Senior Tax Partner Jose A. Osana will be the main speakers.

*To register, or for more information, please contact Lea Roque at 894 -8248, or email eleanor.l.roque@ph.ey.com.*

# Much ado over hair care

**By Harriet Ann Dy**
*Contributor*

**PERSONALIZED** luxury treatments at hair-care destination

SINCE its debut in 1964, L'Oreal's premium Kerastase line has appeared in top salons worldwide. In Manila, Kerastase has been a favorite retail brand among top salons since its introduction here in 1996.

L'Oreal Philippines, partnered up with businessman Ed Angeles and his wife Renna to open the Kerastase Institute at 6750 Ayala Ave.

Angeles, a former realtor, is also a franchisee of two David's Salons—where he started selling Kerastase products as early as 1999.

## Repeat orders

"That was when rebonding started to become fashionable," he recalls. "We got a lot of repeat orders from customers who sought Kerastase products, especially the Resistance line, because it was very good for chemically-treated hair."

Angeles became the top selling distributor of Kerastase outside the big malls. How he pushed a luxury brand to the middle and lower classes is one for the books. He explains that Kerastase is not only an aspirational brand but also a product that delivers. The entrepreneur says his passion drives him to excel and his staff seemed to have followed his example.

In November 2003, he came across the Kerastase Institute at Gaysorn Plaza in Bangkok and thought "it would be nice to have something luxurious." A visit to another such institute in Jakarta convinced him further. Soon, he was coordinating with counterparts at L'Oreal Philippines to open the third institute in Asia. His solid salon background served him in good stead—the principals preferred to team up with someone who owns a salon—and not long after, top architect Conrad Onglao was brought in to design the empty space in 6750.

With its clean, mostly white, stark and Philippe Starck-decorated interiors, the Institute is a far cry from the typical urban-escape-themed salons/spas.

Once inside, customers are asked to fill out forms for background information, not unlike submitting a medical history. Then, they are led to a computer where one can view hair follicles magnified to as much as 500 times. A consultant rubs a mouse-shaped scanner through a demonstrator's scalp and images pop up onscreen by way of checking for sensitivity and redness, dandruff and even temporary hair loss. The consultant explains that a personalized program is recommended after this process.

The treatments or rituals on the menu are few but intensive. According to Angeles, Ritual Liss with Oleo Relax Masque (P1,200 up) has been quite popular, no thanks to problematic frizzy and rebellious hair that seems to plague stressed-out Pinays.

## Domino effect

Most of the treatments have been designed to supplement a worldwide trend: hair coloring. Angeles cites a L'Oreal survey showing that "six out of 10 Filipino women have had their hair colored."

This explains the symbiotic relationship between the institute and the salon. "Once you have your hair colored, it has to be treated for dryness and sensitivity porousness, which is where the hair treatment center comes in," says Angeles. The domino effect is difficult to miss, and the savvy businessman saw this early enough: first comes vanity, then coloring, and then, most important, maintenance.

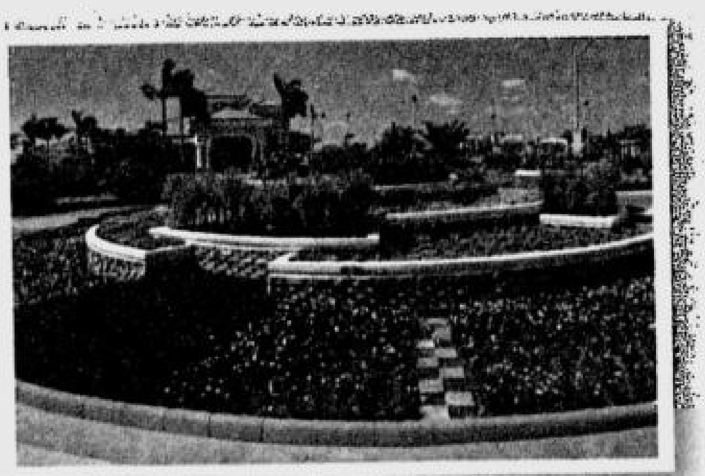
Angeles observes: "Our goal is to develop coloring as the foundation of the salon, treatments will eventually follow and finally, over-the-counter products will be needed for maintenance."

*(Email the author at chinachix@hotmail.com)*

Prominence II

Main Clubhouse

One of seven children's playgrounds


Rotunda

BRENTVILLE
INTERNATIONAL
MAMPLASAN, BIÑAN, LAGUNA

A fully developed world-class community

Move in anytime at Brentville International, a fully developed community that has everything you need for a lifetime of luxurious living.

It features world-class facilities like a wide four-lane main road, underground electrical and communication facilities, well-designed clubhouse and amenities, round-the-clock 3-level security system, unique cluster-homes and single detached units.

Brentville lot buyers will enjoy access to the sports, recreational and educational facilities of **Brent International School.**

Expatriates can have their own homes at Prominence II, the unique manor-like cluster homes inside Brentville, plus privileged access to The Palms Country Club in Filinvest Corporate City, Alabang.

So come to Brentville International, where everything is in place and just waiting for you to make it your home.

Lots available for only P9,600 per sqm.*

807-5511 • 807-6907

www.brentville.com

*All images are actual photos taken from the site.*

*LTS # R4-99030023*

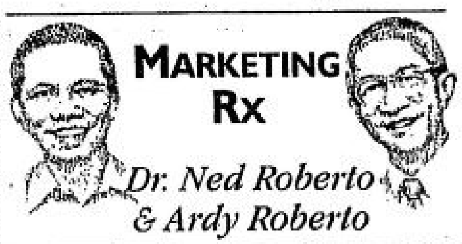
How to get there: Brentville International is only 10 minutes away from Filinvest Corporate City, Alabang. From the South Luzon Expressway, take the Mamplasan Exit. Turn left from the toll gate and you will find Brentville International.

*Conditions apply.

FILINVEST
INVEST ON SOLID GROUND

# BUSINESS *Friday*

## Effective advertising media—Part 1



**MARKETING Rx**

*Dr. Ned Roberto & Ardy Roberto*

FIRST, we owe our readers and Mariwasa manufacturing an apology. We gave the impression in last week's column that Mariwasa folded up in the face of pressure from importation of cheap Chinese tiles by saying that they had 'given up'. We should have added and said that Mariwasa has not only survived the onslaught of cheap Chinese imports but is in fact "thriving" as builders are seeing that their tiles are of good value and quality. We should have also used them as an example of a company that fought off and won a serious marketing battle. Our sincerest apologies to the Mariwasa group!

Now, on to a very interesting question sent to us.

Q: I'm a new brand manager for a packaged snack food item of a fairly large local company. I'm confused about advertising media. Here's why. The media director from one ad agency bidding for my brand said if I want to reach and get the attention of my target consumers (who are children and teens), I must be on TV. But the media director of another ad agency said in his agency's pitch that TV advertising for my brand would practically be a waste. This is because, according to this media director, less and less children and teens are watching TV and when they do, they zap during commercials. In place of TV, she recommended posters and merchandising materials in store outlets and school canteens. So what's the real score? What media can really get and hold my target consumers' attention?

A: Let's start our diagnosis from what we know about advertising media. We know, for example, that over the years the media landscape has dramatically changed. If you ask those who are in the midst of the change, they'll say that's an understatement.

The change has come from the continuing fragmentation of media audiences. Like all major changes in marketing, the root cause is the same: consumers changed. In the specific case of your confusion, those are the "media consumers" — the TV and cinema viewers, the radio listeners, the newspaper, magazine and komiks readers, the billboard and poster lookers, the web and Internet users, and so on.

The way out of your confusion is to analyze your target consumers, namely, children and teens who like eating packaged snack food. The second media director who presented to you started to do that. So she took the more correct approach than the first one.

However, if her analysis is what you have narrated, it's not deep enough to provide you with the consumer insights that would help you make the correct choice. So how do you deepen the analysis?

### Efficiency and effectiveness

Direct the more serious diagnosis at your primary concern: "how to get and hold your target consumers' attention." There are two basic ways of addressing this concern. The first is a matter of efficiency: "Are you doing your media task right?" The second and more important approach is asking about effectiveness: "Are you doing the right media task?"

Let's talk about efficiency first.

We may rephrase the efficiency question to fit into your specific situation. So we ask: Will your second media director's recommended media, namely, "posters and merchandising materials in store outlets and school canteens" do this task more efficiently (that is, more cost effectively) than the first media director's recommended media in favor of TV?

This issue of efficiency requires your use of numbers and statistics. The efficiency concept says that without the valid and necessary statistics and facts to support a recommendation, there's no objective and convincing basis for you to favor one recommendation over another.

The claim made to you was that "less and less children and teens are watching TV and when they do, they zap commercials." But you should ask: "Those who are still watching including those who have lessened their viewing time, are they significantly lesser than those reached by the recommended store outlet and school canteen posters and merchandising materials?" Here is of course the trouble with trying to resolve differences of positions without the help of objective numbers and figures.

### Counting viewers

Consider for the moment, the sobering light that even simple but basic statistics can shed. For example, the highest rating TV program is currently "Encantadia." This has an average current TV rating of 25 percent, meaning a fourth of Metro Manila TV viewers during Encantadia's airing time period are tuned in to this program. That's 25 percent of the estimated 7 million TV viewing population in Metro Manila or 1.75 million. If you correct for "zapping" (estimated at an average of 46 percent), the effective population size of Encantadia's viewing audience is then 945,000.

Admittedly, this is total audience size across all age groups. You're after the age group of children and teens. So correct for age and consider only the percent of this total who are children and teens.

You most likely will assume that children and teens are not exactly the kind of viewers of this TV program genre known as "fantaseria." Your assumption may be correct but usually assumptions like this are correct only in part. It can be challenged with the available statistics on the Encantadia audience composition by age. So again, check it out with the appropriate statistics.

Before you jump to any judgment about how effective it is to advertise on Encantadia and other high rating TV programs, you should have a comparable set of statistics for posters and merchandising materials in retail stores and school canteens. If not, the choice you will make will count as still basically assumption-based.

If you're doing this diagnosis with the assistance of your ad agency, this business partner of yours will immediately tell you that there are no comparable audience rating figures for posters and merchandising. In fact, even for radio and print there are no such comparable audience rating ratios.

Usually, we notice that most advertisers allow themselves to be intimidated by this piece of news. We say: "Please don't be!" You are the client and it's your right to demand those figures. Even rough approximations are better than none. If there's none, then you're held prisoner by TV. Remember what marketing analysts say: "What does not get measured does not get managed well and controlled." It is your ad agency's responsibility to provide those comparable statistics. Telling you that they are not available is effectively tantamount to reneging on that responsibility.

And there's of course the cost consideration. How much does it cost to advertise in a media like TV? For example, a 30-seconder in Encantadia entails a budget of P301,392.00 per exposure (based on the network's rate card). Divide this amount by the media's audience reach and you get this media's efficiency or cost-effectiveness. Then, compare this with the cost-effectiveness of going instead for posters and merchandising in retail stores and school canteens. Again, go after even rough approximations. Reject the "there's-none" response.

This is as far as numbers are concerned or being efficiency driven in your media diagnosis and selection process. The other side of the issue is about effectiveness, about your doing the right media task. This is about the media decision's underlying marketing and consumer logic. It's about asking: "How should you consider consumer behavior in ad media choice decisions? What is the correct consumer behavior model to use as basis for media decision?"

To be concluded next Friday. Keep your questions coming. Send them to us at MarketingRx@pldtDSL.net or text us at 0919-314-5412.)

BDO UNIBANK BANCO DE ORO
It's back! It's better than ever!
Super Charged Auto Loan II
FREE GAS as much as P5,000.00 plus FREEBIES & DISCOUNTS
20%
Pay your 1st monthly amortization 60 days later!*
FREE up to P1 Million Personal Accident Insurance* throughout the life of your loan!
We find ways
BDO BANCO DE ORO Auto Loans

**The first to offer FREE Personal Accident Insurance that can liquidate your Auto Loan!**

The first to let you **pay your loan 60 days later**. Plus, get lots of freebies and discounts on car accessories & services from leading car shops! Enjoy all these firsts as BDO brings back the SuperCharged Auto Loan!

BDO also gives you **guaranteed low rates**, flexible terms, fast, efficient, personalized service! Don't let your dream car pass you by – visit one of our 133 branches in Metro Manila, or call our hotlines **688 1288 loc 1224/4040** or **631 8000** today!

* Tiered according to loan amount. Terms and conditions apply. See fliers for details. Promo Period: March 1 to June 30, 2005. Promo valid only in Metro Manila; Meycauayan, Bulacan; Cavite and Calamba, Laguna.

**BDO Consumer Lending Products:**
BDO Credit Cards • BDO Home Loan • BDO Personal Loan

Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 0973 Series of 2005.

sms feedback: inquirer life name/age/city/message to 2207 (Globe) and 386 (Smart)
or email us at pr_lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph

- Fashion /C/D/E
- Beauty /F/G

LIFESTYLE

*Editor* **Chelo Banal-Formoso**

MONDAY **ARTS & BOOKS** ● TUESDAY **FITNESS** ● WEDNESDAY **2BU** ● THURSDAY **FOOD** ● FRIDAY **FASHION & BEAUTY**

**Editor's *rave* Board**

# *Met exhibit evokes Chanel's iconic feat*

**WINDOWS** of spring and summer fashion at high-end Saks Fifth Avenue (left) and mid-priced H&M (right) in midtown Manhattan

PHOTOS BY CHELO BANAL-FORMOSO

## A retrospective in New York charts how Coco Chanel reinvented the modern look and changed the way women dress

THIS is a good time to fly to New York City if you are a fashionista.

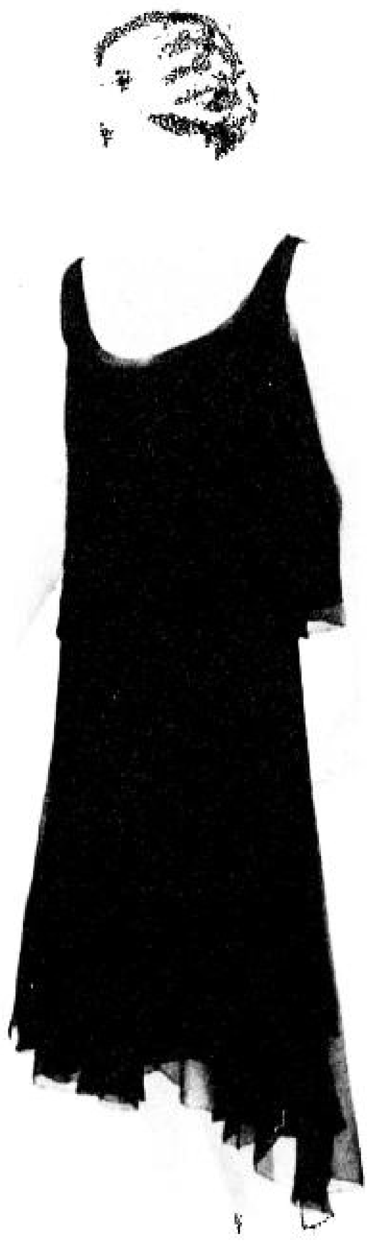
The shop windows of Manhattan are abloom with spring and summer colors. Saks Fifth Avenue on, well, Fifth Avenue is a delightful banquet of sorbet shades —vanilla, peach, mint green, etc.

If you don't have the budget for pricey designer labels, walk farther up and you will come upon the popular initials H&M. This store carries affordable clothes designed by Karl Lagerfeld, who remains the principal designer in the House of Chanel. Although definitely not Chanel, the KL clothes carried by H&M are worth a second look, if not charging on your gold card.

But if you're a big Chanel fan whose one lifetime wish is to acquire a vintage Chanel suit but can't afford one, console yourself with the opportunity to be bowled over by the iconic designer's creations that are on display at the Costume Institute of the Metropolitan Museum.

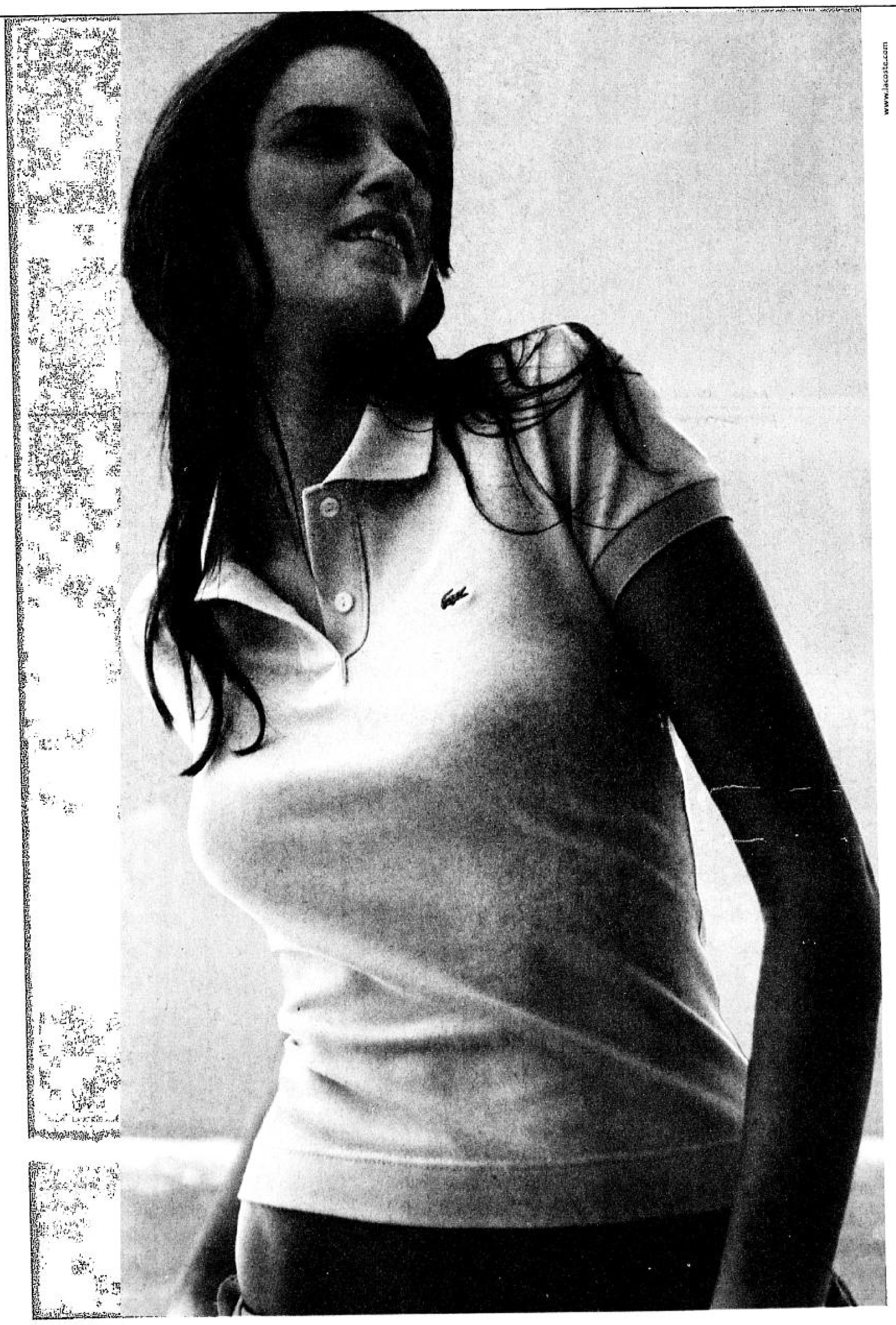
Fashionistas don't usually stray into museums, but they are among the curious who are being lured by the Chanel retrospective at the Met's special exhibition galleries on the first floor.

MET/ C2



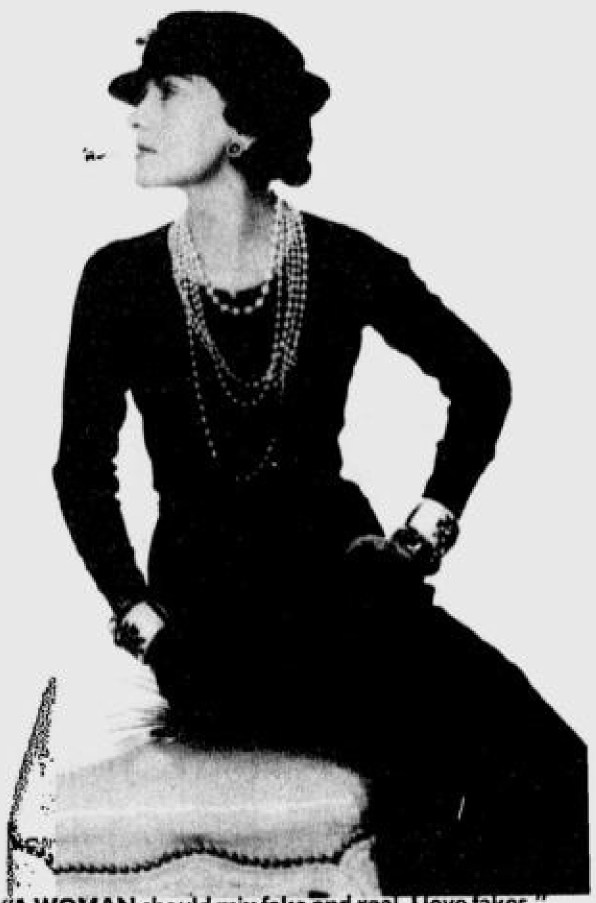
**LITTLE** black evening Chanel dress of silk chiffon (1925)

COURTESY OF THE MET MUSEUM



LACOSTE

RUSTAN'S MAKATI · RUSTAN'S TOWER · RUSTAN'S HARRISON PLAZA · AYALA CENTER, CEBU
CORTE DE LAS PALMAS (ALABANG TOWN CENTER) · GREENBELT 3 · ROBINSONS GALLERIA
ROBINSONS PLACE MANILA · SM MEGAMALL, BLDG. B · THE POWER PLANT (ROCKWELL CENTER)
THE STORE (GRAND BOULEVARD HOTEL) · GATEWAY MALL, ARANETA CENTER



**"A WOMAN** should mix fake and real. I love fakes," said Gabrielle "Coco" Chanel, photographed in 1935 in her signature little black dress, cuff bracelets and pearl necklaces. How many of them were fake is anybody's guess.(Man Ray Trust, ADAGP Paris 200)
COURTESY OF THE MET MUSEUM

**COCO** Chanel evening dress 1927-28, blue silk net with radiating pattern of graduated blue paillettes
COURTESY OF THE MET MUSEUM

# Met show evokes Chanel's iconic feat

From page C1

The exhibit opened early this month with a benefit gala co-chaired by Chanel perfume image model Nicole Kidman, Vogue editor Anna Wintour and Lagerfeld himself.

Chanel's ground-breaking creations from the 1920s, her more romantic and decidedly feminine dresses from the 1930s, her designs with details usurped with characteristic flair from menswear and her signature accessories are juxtaposed with the updated but the definitely Chanel-inspired work of Lagerfeld, the designer who took over in 1983 and has perpetuated the label's long-running success. Lagerfeld himself worked on the color illustrations that grace the accompanying book compiled by the Costume Institute's curators Harold Koda and Andrew Bolton, published by the Metropolitan Museum of Art and distributed by the Yale University Press.

The retrospective is presented in modern modules focusing on details, materials or techniques that have become Chanel signatures. Projected on the wall is a video by the artist Marie Maillard. Video cubes in the same dimensions as the modules are interspersed in the grid, projecting design details and concepts that have come to characterize the Chanel style.

The Museum's Costume Institute, the House of Chanel and the Victoria & Albert Museum in London, among other international institutions, have supplied from their respective collections the designs and accessories on display.

## Her own best model

It is hard to miss the exhibition's message that Gabrielle "Coco" Chanel (1883-1971) conceptualized the new woman. Indeed she did, through the wardrobe she created not for clients or other women but for herself. She invented and reinvented herself many times over. In so doing each time, she presented the fashion world with a new look.

Her little black dress, cardigan jacket, quilted bag, two-tone pump, chain belt, long pearl necklace and camellia brooch all became objects of desire among the women who could afford them, and must-copy for fashion retailers. You hear the word "Chanel" and one of these classics instantly comes to mind. You hear "Chanel" and you also associate it with "expensive," as indeed the products are, whether couture clothes, ready-to-wear, accessories or perfume. For a woman who was raised in an orphanage, Coco Chanel did very, very well, thank you.

But more important than the fortune amassed by her fashion empire are the bragging rights.

In an art form dominated by men, in an industry controlled by men, Coco Chanel proved that nobody knows a woman like a woman. *Chelo Banal-Formoso*

*"Chanel" runs through Aug. 7. Museum hours are: Fridays and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sundays, Tuesdays-Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. The museum is closed on Mondays, but is open on Mondays that happen to be holidays. Museum fee is $15 for adults, $10 for senior citizens and $7 for students. For more info, log on to www.metmuseum.org.*

**CHANEL**, the Met's major spring exhibit, also showcases evening dresses like this 1937 black cotton lace with silk grosgain ties and black rayon underslip and the peach silk lace and tulle (top right) with matching silk crepe de chine underslip.
COURTESY OF THE MET MUSEUM

**BLACK** wool shirt jacket and white linen trousers from the pret-a-porter spring-summer 1995 collection of Karl Lagerfeld for Chanel
COURTESY OF THE MET MUSEUM

**COAT** of black silk organza over-embroidered in black, gold and red sequins and bronze seed beads in Chinoiserie motifs, worn with black nylon and polyester blend knit catsuit, from Lagerfeld's haute couture collection of 1996-97 for Chanel
COURTESY OF THE MET MUSEUM

**LAGERFELD's** masterful re-articulation of Chanel's innovations includes this jacket and skirt ensemble of ivory cotton boucle with crochet black rubber braid trim; blouse of ivory silk twill yoke with black striped ivory cotton jersey.
COURTESY OF THE MET MUSEUM

# Filipina wins 2 awards in Miss Hawaiian Tropic pageant

"J" IS MISS Photogenic in the 22nd Miss Hawaiian Tropic International Pageant in Las Vegas

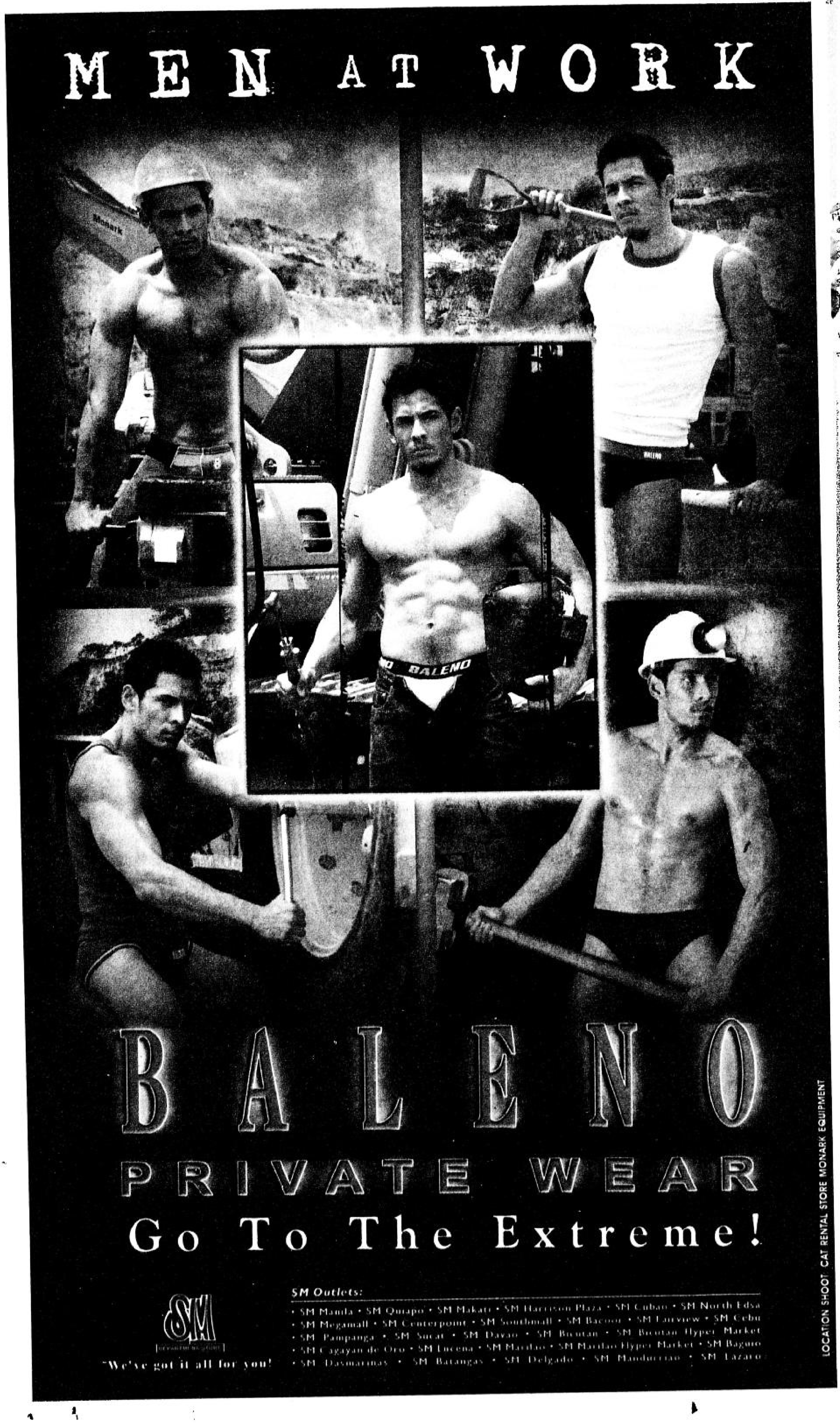
JOCELYN Oxlade bagged the Miss Photogenic and Miss Earthcam Face awards at the 22nd Miss Hawaiian Tropic International Pageant recently held at Cirque du Soleil "Mystere" Theater of Treasure Island Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. This year's pageant theme is "Women of the World."

The Miss Photogenic award comes with a trophy, $5,000 cash prize and pictorial shoot for a US company in Nashville, Tennessee while the Miss Earthcam Face award goes with a $500 cash prize.

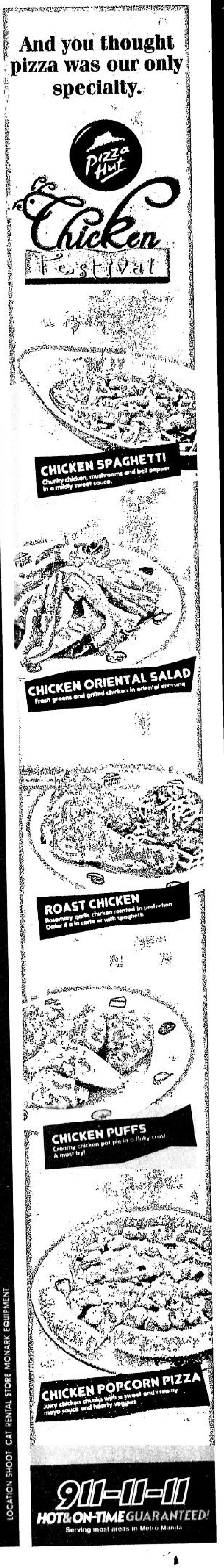
Not only Oxlade's striking beauty and personality captivated the eyes of the Las Vegas crowd. Guests were dazzled by Ben Farrales' creation which she wore during the National Costume fashion show at the welcome party for the candidates.

For her day activities, she wore mix and match lounge and beach party clothes created by Twinkle Ferraren. While attending evening activities, she wore formal gowns made by Jun Escario and Oj Hofer.

JOCELYN "J" Oxlade in a classic purple cropped piña jacket over yellow sleeveless tops and orange piña layered over brown pants embellished with wooden beads



MEN AT WORK
BALENO
PRIVATE WEAR
Go To The Extreme!
SM Outlets:
• SM Manila • SM Quiapo • SM Makati • SM Harrison Plaza • SM Cubao • SM North Edsa • SM Megamall • SM Centerpoint • SM Southmall • SM Bacoor • SM Fairview • SM Cebu • SM Pampanga • SM Sucat • SM Davao • SM Bicutan • SM Bicutan Hyper Market • SM Cagayan de Oro • SM Lucena • SM Marilao • SM Marilao Hyper Market • SM Baguio • SM Dasmarinas • SM Batangas • SM Delgado • SM Manduriao • SM Lazaro
"We've got it all for you!
LOCATION SHOOT: CAT RENTAL STORE MONARK EQUIPMENT



And you thought pizza was our only specialty.
Pizza Hut
Chicken Festival
CHICKEN SPAGHETTI
Chunky chicken, mushrooms and bell pepper in a mildly sweet sauce.
CHICKEN ORIENTAL SALAD
Fresh greens and grilled chicken in oriental dressing
ROAST CHICKEN
Rosemary garlic chicken roasted to perfection
Order it a la carte or with spaghetti
CHICKEN PUFFS
Creamy chicken pot pie in a flaky crust
A must try!
CHICKEN POPCORN PIZZA
Juicy chicken chunks with a sweet and creamy mayo sauce and hearty veggies
911-11-11
HOT&ON-TIME GUARANTEED!
Serving most areas in Metro Manila

# BE THE ENVY OF THE EMPIRE.

STAR WARS
EPISODE III
REVENGE OF THE SITH
IN THEATERS MAY 19, 2005
Sony Ericsson

© 2005 Lucasfilm Ltd. & TM.

## BUMILI NG GLOBE PREPAID SONY ERICSSON T290i PHONEKIT FOR ONLY ₱4,590!

AT MERON KANG LIBRENG
LIMITED EDITION *STAR WARS*
T-SHIRT, PHONE POUCH AT PHONE STRAP!

- MMS & GPRS-capable
- WAP-ready
- 32 Polyphonic Tones
- Free 128XL SIM
- ₱5,690 with Stereo FM headset

Just call Globe Direct at 751-8888 to have your Globe Prepaid Phonekit delivered to your doorstep, FREE! Rush to your nearest Globe Telecom Business Center or dealer today!

STAR WARS
STAR WARS

PROMO RUNS FROM MAY 13 TO JUNE 13, 2005.

Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 2545, Series of 2005.

## TEXT STARWARS TO 2949 FOR THE WEEKLY LOGO SUBSCRIPTION AND A CHANCE TO WIN ₱1 MILLION!

WALLPAPERS Text <Keyword> to 2949

W199

W230

TEXTCARDS Text <Keyword> to 2949

CLONE TROOPER
TC106

TC117

ICONS Text <Keyword> to 2940

L71

L115

Subscription Services:
- Text FORCE to 2949 to get the weekly wallpaper
- Text JEDI to 2949 to get daily trivia
- Text SITH to 2949 to get a calendar logo

Promo ends June 30, 2005. Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 1285 Series, of 2005.

Sony Ericsson

making a great summer possible Globe HANDYPHONE

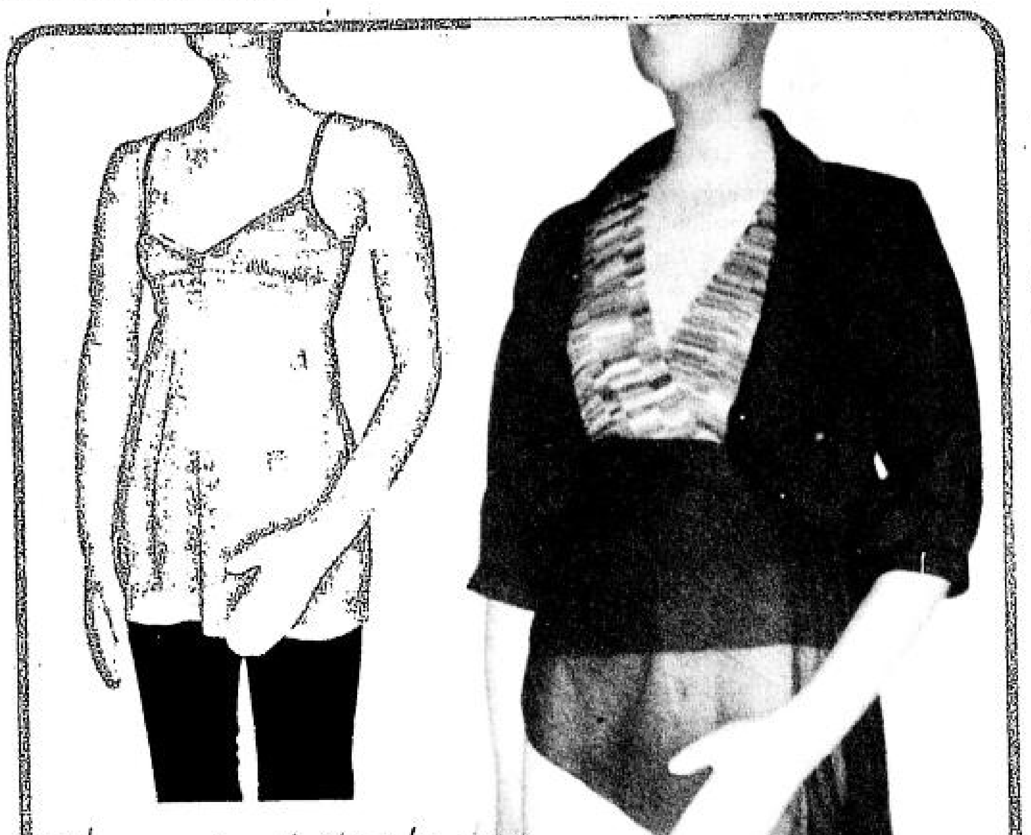
LIFESTYLE

For feedback, e-mail us at lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph

**Text us your feedback:**
inquirer life name/age/city/message to
2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

DUNKIN' DONUTS
SLABSTERS
PEANUT BUTTER FLAVORED TREAT WITH SPRINKLES OF RICE CRISPIES

# Laidback O.C. and glitzy Bev Hills



The empire strikes back

No, it's not about gorgeous Hayden Christensen playing Anakin Skywalker a.k.a. Darth Vader. Au contraire, the focus is on empire tops and dresses that most everyone, from hippy chicks to chic divas, is donning. You can also wear it in many ways. For work, wear it under a light jacket. Or get more casual by pairing one with jeans and flip-flops.

**APPLES' PICKINGS**

*Apples Aberin-Sadhwani*

*E-mail the author at apsadvice@hotmail.com*

## Here are some new trends from La-la Land

I WAS never a big fan of Los Angeles. I always considered the place lacking in culture akin to that of New York and Paris or charm similar to that of Florence. But, surprisingly, I actually finally learned to like that vast expanse of freeways and fast-foods.

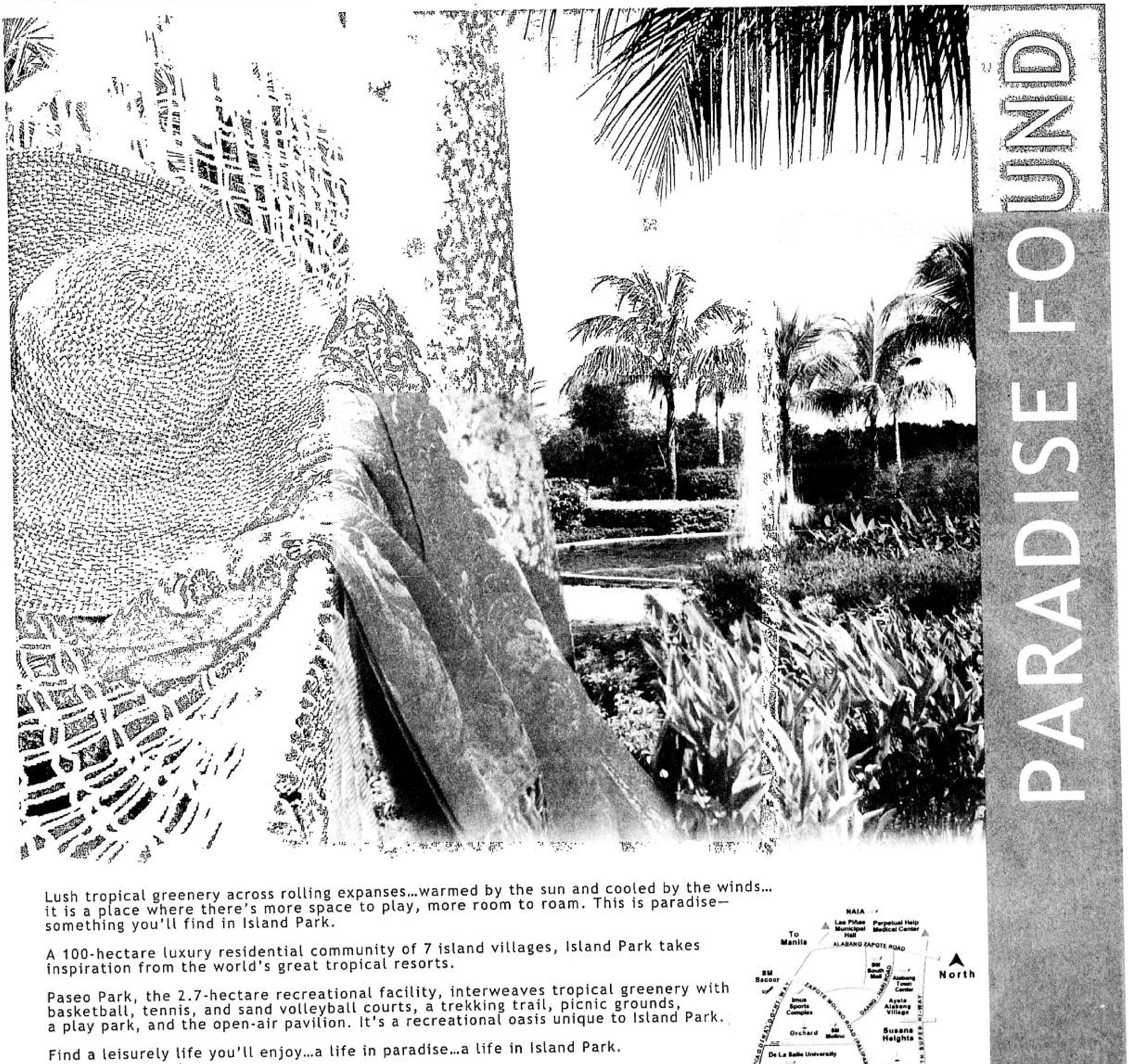
Even more surprising was that during this trip, I noticed that fashion in both ritzy Beverly Hills and Orange County, which encompasses areas like tony Newport Beach and laidback Huntington Beach (some of my favorite L.A. locales), was quite interesting and undeniably a study in contrasts.

Generally, L.A. fashion is relaxed and laidback, as compared to fashion in New York or other places in the US. But whereas O.C. or Southern California is more about surf wear and style (picture this: bronzed physical specimens with sun-bleached blonde hair walking barefoot in the streets, surf boards in tow) or preppy Newport denizens, Bev Hills is more about designer clothing and flashy European cars.

In any case, much of the same trends seems to dominate the different areas of this sunshiny, palm tree-infested, movie star-filled city of angels. So, just in case you're looking for a bit of inspiration or are interested in expanding your sartorial horizons, here are some of the most popular trends in laid-back O.C. and glitzy Bev Hills.

LAIDBACK/ D3

THE CONSUMERS' CHOICE
Kancura
Herbal Tea
100% Pure Slimming Power
21st Consumer's Choice Awards of the National Consumer Affairs Foundation
Distributed by:
E-mail address:
Available at
mercury drug
and other leading drugstores & supermarket


PARADISE FOUND

Lush tropical greenery across rolling expanses...warmed by the sun and cooled by the winds...
it is a place where there's more space to play, more room to roam. This is paradise—
something you'll find in Island Park.

A 100-hectare luxury residential community of 7 island villages, Island Park takes
inspiration from the world's great tropical resorts.

Paseo Park, the 2.7-hectare recreational facility, interweaves tropical greenery with
basketball, tennis, and sand volleyball courts, a trekking trail, picnic grounds,
a play park, and the open-air pavilion. It's a recreational oasis unique to Island Park.

Find a leisurely life you'll enjoy...a life in paradise...a life in Island Park.

Get a Property Preview: 850 2868 • 850 6986

ISLAND PARK

Brittany
CORPORATION

NAIA
Las Piñas Municipal Hall
Perpetual Help Medical Center
To Manila
ALABANG ZAPOTE ROAD
North
SM Bacoor
SM South Mall
Alabang Town Center
DAANG HARI ROAD
ZAPOTE MOLINO ROAD (PALIPARAN ROAD)
AGUINALDO HI-WAY
Imus Sports Complex
Ayala Alabang Village
Orchard
SM Molino
Susana Heights
SOUTH SUPER HI-WAY
De La Salle University
South Woods
To Puerto Azul
SM Dasma
ISLAND PARK
GOVERNOR'S DRIVE
Robinson's Dasma
To Tagaytay city
La Mediterranea
Carmona Exit
To Biñan
To Calamba

**SINGAPORE** Airlines Rita Dy, Patrick Tan and Shoko Matsumoto of Japan Foundation

**TONY** Herbosa has his arms full with perky Bonnie Stamp and his wife, Lilibeth Herbosa

**THE AFFAIR'S** fantastic organizer, Rosanna Escudero, and Boracay resident, creative Louie Cruz

**PRINCE** of Jaipur's popular hotshot Max Talreja, with Anna Juco

# Domestic carrier marks fab 10

## WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

*Maurice Arcache*

Photos by **Alex Van Hagen** using **Kodak** EasyShare system

THAT long-flying domestic carrier, the South East Asian Airlines, better known as SEAIR, *palanggas*, has turned a fab 10 this year. And so the airlines' Gang of 3, hotshot founders **Iren Dornier, Nikos Gitsis** and **Tommy Lopez,** decided to party hard at one of the most popular restos in Rockwell, Mati, with 500 of the town's social set.

Hosted by Studio 23's fab "F" gals, **Angel Aquino** and **Daphne Oseña,** sponsored by Smart Communications and Motorola, and superbly organized by **Rosanna Escudero** and **Louie Cruz,** the affair had Cosmo Manille's party set breezing in full social force.

Gracing the affair were Sen. **Jamby Madrigal** and her husband, handsome **Eric Valade**; Republic of Togo Consul **Evie Costa**; *el simpatico* Sen. **Ralph Recto**; Greek honorary consul **Milton Adamson** with his visiting cousin, **George Scholomite**; Meze's **Bobong Velez**; business magnate **Philip Cruz** and his buddy, **Raymond Moreno**; super head-turner **Katja Cabrini**; **Dero Pedero**; PLDT's **David Nugent** and his super pal, fun **Ipe Cruz**; Smart Infinity's **Tom Valderrama**; sisters **Anna** and **Amaya Aboitiz**; sultry model **Avi Siwa**, with her hot British date, **Casey Clogg**; SEAIR's top asset, marketing and station manager **Ed Bouffard,** with his sister, party gal **Elena Bouffard de Arias**; **Gigi Schwani**; and Mati's most gracious host, eye-catcher **Geni Psinakis**, dahlings.

SEAIR has now launched the fastest trip to Boracay, take note, *palanggas*, a 35, yes, a 35-minute flight aboard its newest aircraft, the ultra-modern Dornier 328, no less. Believe me, I took this flight and it was a breeze. Almost as fast as batting your eyelash.

And once you try this route, you wouldn't want it any other way—perfect for travel junkies who have this never-ending love affair with Boracay, like I do.

During the fun bash, SEAIR also introduced its Adventure Pass, "a unique privilege card entitling a voyager to 45 days of unlimited flying to any of the airline's 20 local destinations."

For extra treats, great prizes were dished out, like round-trip tickets to Boracay, via SEAIR, *natch*!

We were treated to a sumptuous spread of Mati's excellent, to beat Greek specialties drowned with Hardy's V. R. Sparkling Chardonay Brut, laced with fresh strawberries flown in from Baguio, while the signature "mile-high shots," were served by SEAIR's *tres* own pretty stewardesses.

Past midnight, an eye-catching slide show of photographs by SEAIR's newest endorser—world-renowned photographer **France Gutsy Tuason,** no less, was shown, *palanggas.*

Great sounds were dished out by Paseo Uno's resident DJ, **Elian Habayeb,** accompanied by percussionist **Einar Drilon.**

That's SEAIR's way of partying, land style. Cool, huh!

### Emperor's new food

It was a night fit for an emperor, *palanggas*, when that *tres* prestigious Chaine des Rotisseurs blew the trumps to welcome the grand entrance of Cosmo Manille's true gourmands to the renowned Emperor Court of the super popular New World Renaissance Hotel.

The theme of this gastronomic fest was "Shanghai Chic... through the years." The fine Cantonese restaurant was magically transformed from its traditional Chinese style to one that was modern, symbolic of bustling Shanghai today.

And now for the menu, check this out: An exclusive 12-course degustation dinner and a fab presentation of regional Chinese cuisine with a contemporary twist—it had the gourmet society chi-chi members buzzing that, "This dinner has been the been the best in years."

The country's mega-chain head, Mr. Gourmand himself, businessman **Fred Fricke,** proudly welcomed the invitees with his *tres* sophisticated wife, interior designer par excellence, **Baby Girl Baluyot F.,** together with dashing hotel GM, **Stephen Stoss** and his *tres charmante* wife, **Katriona.**

The usual cocktails were served before the sit-down dinner. Enjoying the socials were hotel and resto hotshot **Leonor O'Leary,** wearing a beautiful vintage *cheongsam* top, who was with her son, Hotel and Restaurant Association of the Philippines vice-president **Humphrey O'Leary**; taipan and Ambassador **Alfonso Yuchengco,** who was chatting with Bases Conversion Authority chair **Jun Rojas** and his elegant wife, **Pina**; property magnate **Joey Antonio** and his wife; classic beauty **Hilda Reyes**; and super foodie and artist, **Claude Tayag.**

Food and wine connoisseur, **Gene Gonzales** gave a standing ovation for the chefs *apres* the magnificent dinner. In the same table were Insular Life chairman **Vicente Ayllon** and wife vivacious **Annie Reyes; Juan Lanuza;** the Swiss Council's **Urs Gressly; Elizabeth Periquet** and **Vicky Baluyot.**

We were ecstatic over the gourmet Chinese fusion dinner. Needless to say, endless ovations were given to the food gang of New World Renaissance Hotel, headed by the director of food and beverage, **Martin Wong;** events director **Susan Roxas;** director of restaurants, **Joy Ronquillo;** Chinese executive chef **Ken Chiu;** Western executive chef **Colin Healy;** and Emperor Court manager Mario Mendoza.

This happening, *palanggas*, was definitely, without batting an eyelash, the grandest dinner of the month.

**MARUET** Gonzales with **SEAIR's** hotshot founder Iren Dornier

**BORACAY'S** MacSandro's top asset Mike Rieta with actress and super singer Pinky Marquez

**TOMMY** Lopez, one of the founders of SEAIR

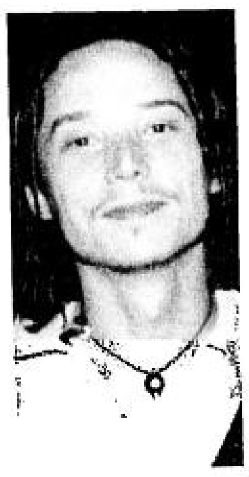
**RODGY** Lopez Panganiban with his mother, beautiful southern woman Precy Lopez Psinakis

**VIVACIOUS** Fran Ribano and tomcat Mark Jentes

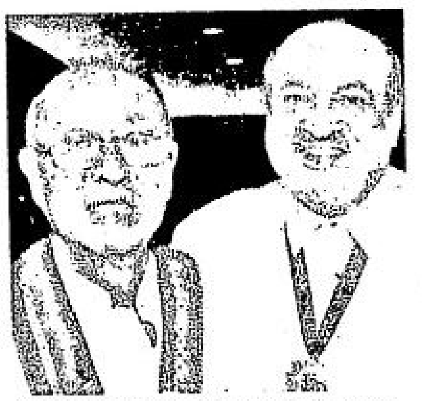
**POPULAR** Sen. Ralph Recto

**SEAIR's** dashing handsome founder, Nikos Gitsis

**GORGEOUS** Kat Abad


**AWARD-WINNING** artist Epi Quizon

**METROPOLITAN** Insurance president Jose Periquet Jr. and pal, Jaime Arturo Viola


**AMBASSADOR** Alfonso Yuchengco, with gourmet extraordinaire Fred Fricke

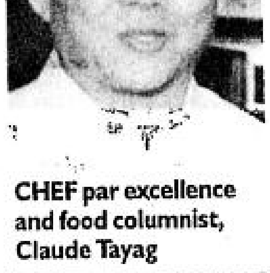
**GOLD** champ Annie Reyes Ayllon and nice Elizabeth Periquet

**HUMPHREY** O'Leary and his mother, restaurant business stalwart Leonor O'Leary

**INSULAR** life chair Vicente Ayllon and eye-catching beauty Monique Toda, New World's mega asset

**RAF INTERNATIONAL** Forwarding director Benjamin Baluyot and Buenjiho Padua

**NEW WORLD** mega GM, tall, dashing Stephan Stoss; and Chaine des Rotisseurs president Fred Ficke


**CHEF** par excellence and food columnist, Claude Tayag

**PHILIPPINE** Airlines' Susan Roxas

**DAYS** Hotel Phils. president James Concepcion, Gene Gonzalez and ASL Logistics Worldwide chair, Dieter Lonishen

### *Wear wedges*

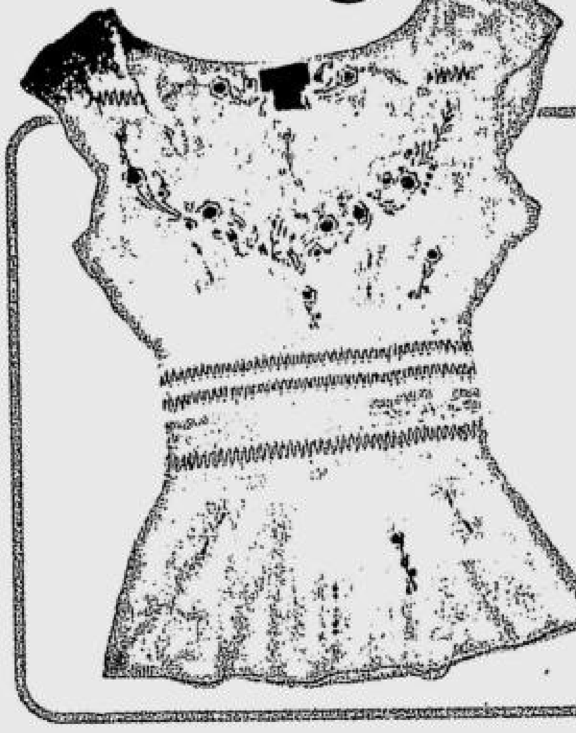
Flying off the shelves are stylish yet comfortable wedges that can be worn with anything and everything. The designs are endless, from nautical to hippie to earthy and exotic. Espadrille and woven wedges are most popular, as various brands such as Tod's, Coach, Kate Spade, Zara and Castañer, to name a few, produce various must-have styles.

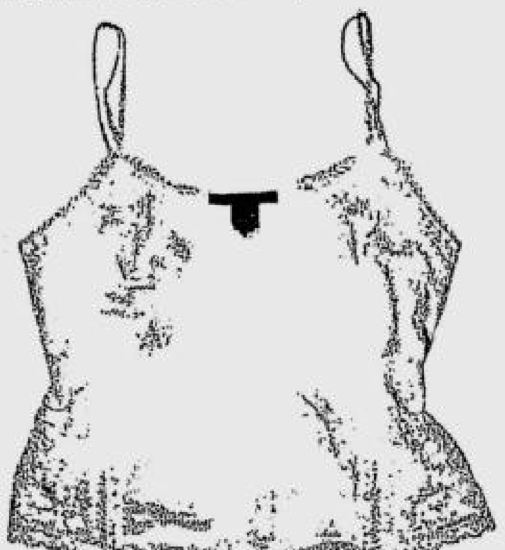
### *The long and short of it*

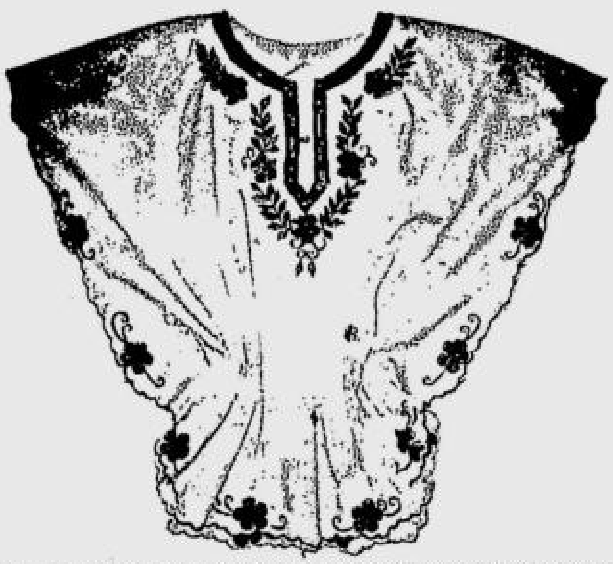
It's all about layering and a play on proportions. Extra-long tank tops are usually worn with looser, shorter tops or jackets. Or empire tops of different lengths are matched with sexy camisoles in complementary or totally contrasting colors. White on white is also quite popular. And the itty-bitty shrug in different styles is de rigueur.

# Laidback O.C. and glitzy Bev Hills

From page D1







### *Crafty touches*

In keeping with the boho vibe à la Sienna Miller that swept and is still sweeping L.A., if not the world, embroidery, crochet, beading, macramé and the like have become staples this season. There's a perfect boho piece for every personality and age, from feminine crochet dresses to sheer tunics with turquoise beads. Incorporate an item or two into your wardrobe to create a free-spirited, upbeat feel.

### *Tunic time*

Indian-inspired tunic tops are a great alternative to caftans and ponchos. Southern Californians wear them as boho beach cover-ups while city dwellers wear them over jeans and trousers. Take your pick from ultra-casual to corporate-like styles and wear them any which way you please.

### *Skirting the issue*

Skirts in different lengths, styles and prints are very popular in L.A. The more colorful and whimsical, the better. Most boutiques offer Indian-inspired flouncy skirts made of the gauziest materials. Then there are others with funky tribal prints or flirty hems. Floor-sweeping styles in assorted hues are also available. The most fashionable choices, however, are white cotton varieties that can be mixed and matched with most anything in one's wardrobe.

Canon
Delighting You Always
YOU LIVE BY YOUR OWN RULES
HERE'S THE PERFECT PARTNER
Canon
DIGITAL
IXUS 700

**7.1 megapixels** • 3x optical zoom • 4x digital zoom • Powered by DIGIC II • Digital zoom during movie recording • Three Movie Mode options for different recording needs • Built-in video editing • My Colors Function for colour customisation • Optional High Power Flash

No other compact digital camera defies convention like the new Digital IXUS 700. A camera built for pictures of unbelievably high resolution. A camera designed to render every image with amazing colours and precise detail. A camera shaped with sleek lines and beautiful finishes to make photography truly pleasurable. It could only be the Digital IXUS 700. A camera created to go beyond boundaries. Just like you.

THE NEW DIGITAL IXUS 700

Where style meets substance.

NEW IXUS 50
- 5 megapixels
- 3x optical zoom
- 4x digital zoom
- Powered by DIGIC II

IXUS 40
- 4 megapixels
- 3x optical zoom
- 3.6x digital zoom
- Powered by DIGIC II

IXUS 30
- 3.2 megapixels
- 3x optical zoom
- 3.2x digital zoom
- Powered by DIGIC II

IXUS i5
- 5 megapixels
- 6.5x digital zoom
- Powered by DIGIC

*Insist on an original warranty issued by Canon Marketing (Philippines), Inc.*

POWERED BY DIGIC II

**South & Southeast Asia Regional Headquarters:**
**Canon Singapore Pte Ltd** 1 HarbourFront Avenue, #04-01, Keppel Bay Tower, Singapore 098632 www.canon-asia.com
**Canon Marketing (Philippines), Inc.** 2F Marvin Plaza, 2153 Don Chino Roces Avenue cor. V.A. Rufino St., Makati City
Tels.: 812-6047 / 812-6076 to 79 / 892-6449 • Fax: 810-9797 • info@canon.com.ph • www.canon.com.ph

| Sa ilang NDD | Sa Globelines NDD |
|---|---|
| Hello ₱10 | Hello ₱0 |
| Hello ₱9 | Hello ₱0 |
| Hello ₱11.88 | Hello ₱0 |
| Hello ₱10 | Hello ₱0 |
| Hello ₱22.50 | Hello ₱0 |
| Hello ₱15.84 | Hello ₱0 |
| Hello ₱18 | Hello ₱0 |
| Hello ₱10 | Hello ₱0 |
| Hello ₱7.92 | Hello ₱0 |
| ₱115.14 | ₱0 |

Sa ilang NDD, habang dumadami ang tawag, lumalaki ang bayad.
Dito ka na sa Toll-Free Globelines to Globelines NDD calls.
Iba pa rin ang libre.

Apply until June 20, 2005* and enjoy Toll-Free NDD for as long as you're an active subscriber.

New and existing Residential and Business subscribers who apply during the promo period will enjoy Toll-Free NDD calls from **Globelines Postpaid to any Globelines** phone for the duration of their subscription. To apply, call our Customer Care Hotline at (02) 919-8888 in Luzon or (032) 410-8888 in Visayas and Mindanao. Offer is valid for regular voice calls only.

**Globelines**

*Approved by DTI-NCR. Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 1282 Series of 2005

For feedback, e-mail us at lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph

**Text us your feedback:**
inquirer life name/age/city/message to
2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

"DESPERATE Housewives" cast

# 'Desperate Housewives' an instant TV icon

**LIFE-STYLED**

*Thelma Sioson San Juan*

IF YOU were out Thursday night last week, chances are you didn't see this scene: A beautiful svelte housewife in a beautiful suburban home began her morning bright and early, as usual—served her family breakfast, tended to her garden, picked up the laundry, completed her chores, including her a la Martha Stewart projects, and took a neat white shoe box out of the closet containing a handy revolver. Then she shot herself.

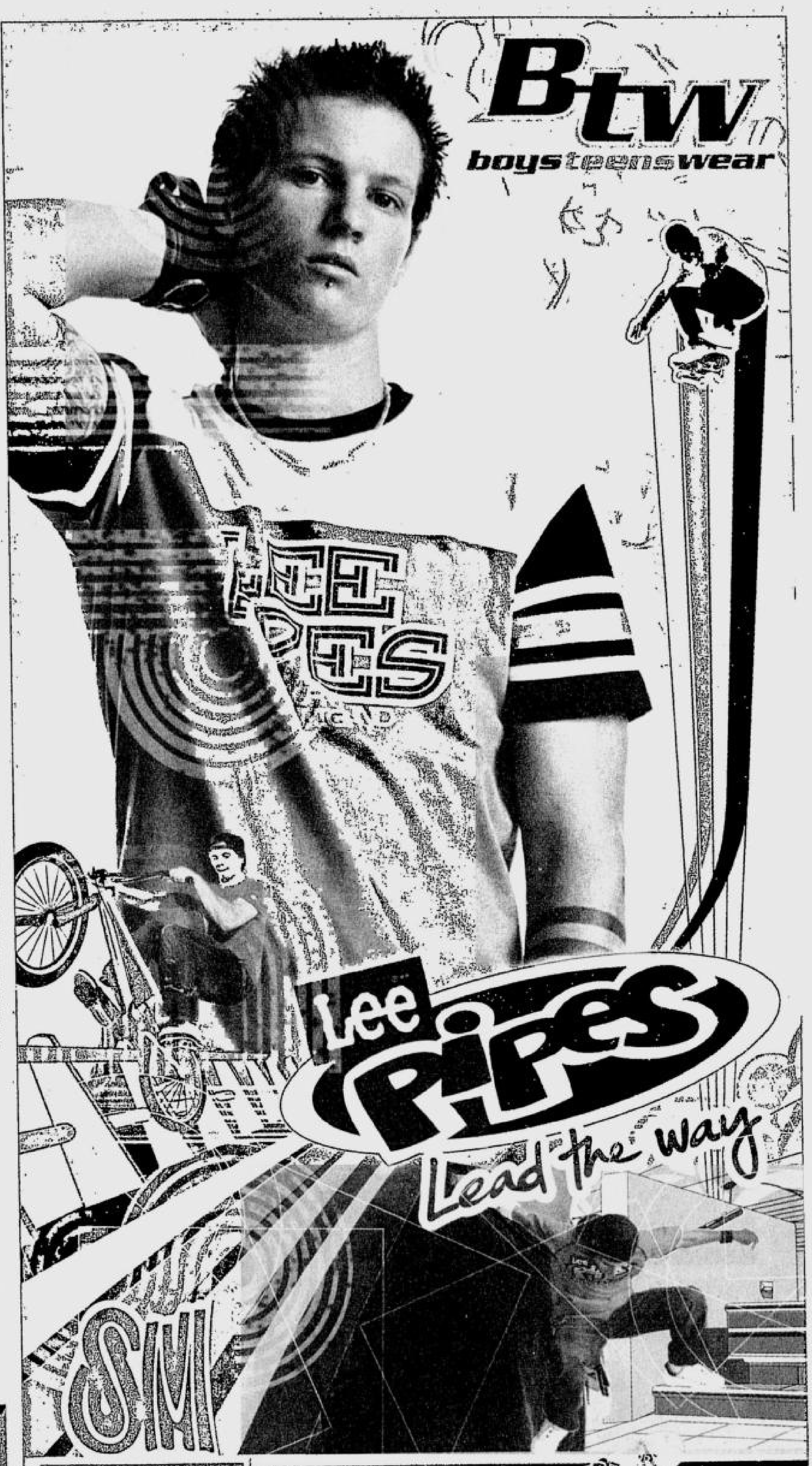
Thus began "Desperate Housewives," the hit series that at last has debuted in the country on Studio 23. Call it drama, dark comedy or soap—actually even the Americans can't make up their minds how to pigeonhole it—but the series is entertaining and habit-forming. I bet your Thursday

DESPERATE/ E3

SALE
CERAMIC TILES &
NATURAL STONES
LIBERTY STILE
May 26 to June 15
223 Nicanor Garcia St., Bel-Air II Makati City
Tel nos.: [illegible]

Fast cash
for any need
or any occasion,
anytime, anywhere.

CASH 2 GO
The BEAT Installment Plan
Call 8-700-700 for more details



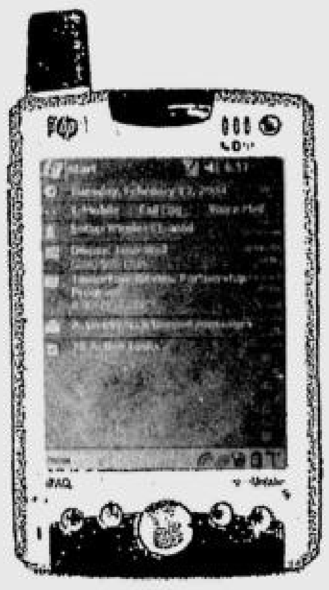
DEPARTMENT STORE We've got it all for you!

CUBAO • QUIAPO • MAKATI • HARRISON • NORTH EDSA • STA. MESA • ORTIGAS • LAS PIÑAS • BACOOR • FAIRVIEW • MANILA • PAMPANGA
DELGADO • MANDURRIAO • CEBU • DAVAO • CAGAYAN DE ORO • LUCENA • BAGUIO • MARILAO • DASMARIÑAS • BATANGAS • SUCAT

Trade in - Trade up to an iPAQ!

Get **P 10,000 off** on the latest HP iPAQ models.

May 27, 28 & 29 - 10am - 9pm
Atrium, Shangri-La Mall



Promo Details:

1. Trade in any working/non-working brand of a GSM mobile phone* or PDA*.
2. Bring your working/non-working GSM mobile phone or PDA to the HP Trade in Trade up booth and exchange your working/non-working GSM mobile phone or PDA for a coupon.
3. Prior to the release of the coupon, you will have to fill-up and sign a detail sheet.
4. Present the coupon to the authorized TITU dealer in the venue when claiming the corresponding HP iPAQ Pocket PC.
5. Payment shall be made in the corresponding TITU dealer where the HP iPAQ Pocket PC will be purchased.
6. This promotion cannot be used in conjunction with other existing HP promotions.
7. Strictly one Trade-in per customer only.
8. HP has the right to refuse any traded in GSM mobile phone/PDA.

*Working/non-working GSM mobile phones and PDA's should include the charger and cables.
**All prices are for cash purchases only, corresponding charges will apply for credit card transactions.

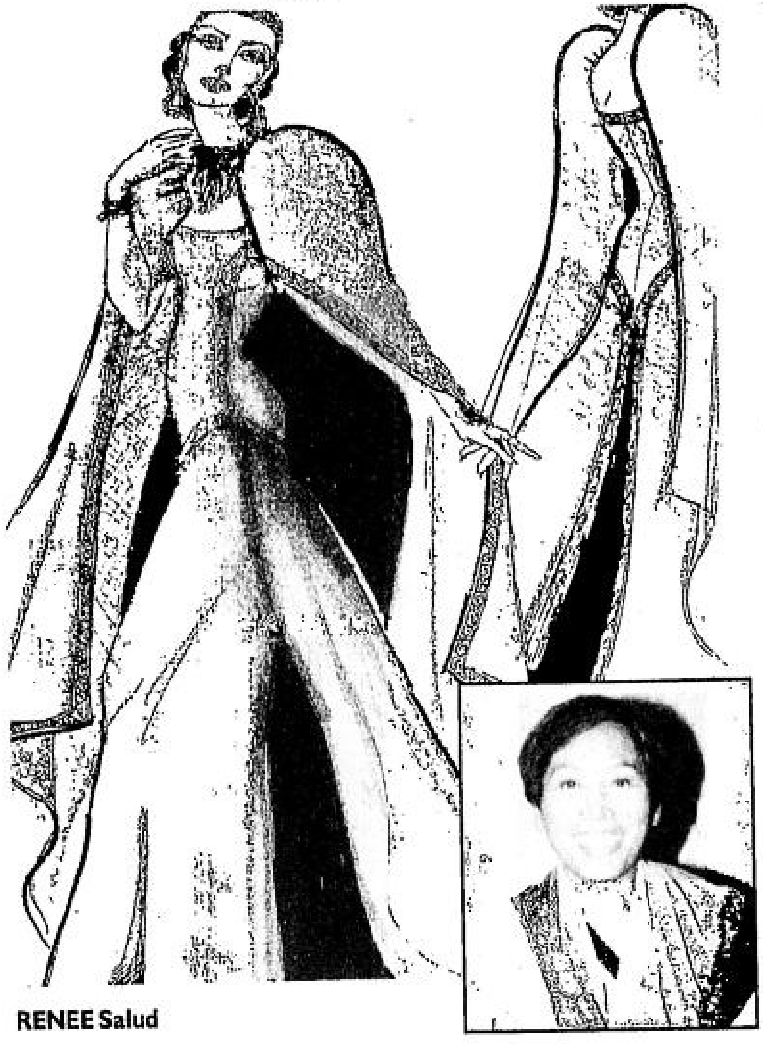
hp invent
COMPlink
TCA
SILICON VALLEY COMPUTER CENTRE

in partnership with: DSL Shangri-La Plaza

* See posters and flyers for details.

Per DTI-NCR Permit No. A3-362, Series of 2005

# New book records Valera design achievement



**RENEE** Salud

EVEN some three decades after his death, Don Ramon Valera still evokes the past era of aristocratic refinement, where high fashion was the driving force of a cultural renaissance.

Valera—through his fashion genius and the flamboyant (and at times delightfully acerbic) nature of his personality— splashed his name in glorious colors on the fabric of the nation, leaving an indelible mark on Filipino heritage.

It is only fitting that during the National Heritage Month of May, a coffee-table book celebrating the life and times of the great designer titled "Valera— Casa Traje Es Una Obra Maestra"—will be launched at 5:30 p.m. on May 31 at the Museum of the Filipino People. The Valera clan, headed by Lulu Valera Zulueta, will be present.

The book documents the widely acclaimed retrospective exhibit of Valera ternos and gowns in September 2003 at the National Museum. Scheduled for just one month, the show was extended to four months by public demand.

The success of the retrospective led Nedy Tantoco through the Tantoco-Rustia Foundation to publish the book. The foundation, which was put up by Ambassador Bienvenido Rufino Tantoco and his wife, the late Gliceria Dimaano Rustia, aims to undertake charitable and philanthropic works as well as worthy projects in the arts and fashion.

Tantoco formed a committee to plan and prepare the book. Danny Dolor and Criselda Lontok curated the gowns, National Museum director Cora Alvina acted as adviser and Abe Florendo edited the book.

Tantoco asked her co-chair, Philippine Tatler publisher Irene Martel Francisco, to sponsor the book in memory of her mother, Luz Puyat Martel, who was a close friend and client of Valera.

Co-sponsors are the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office and the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp.

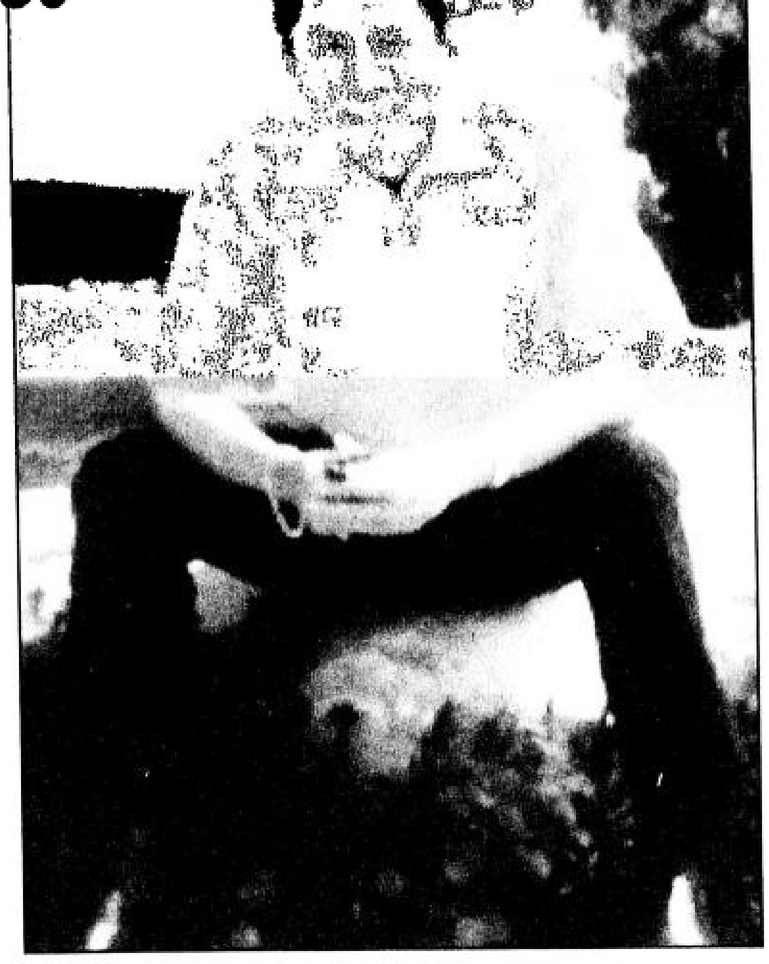
This event will raise funds for the Philippine National Red Cross Blood Program, Filipino Heritage Festival and National Museum. Some of the gowns on exhibit will be auctioned off.

The launching will also feature six Valera ternos and formal wear that were made for Chito Madrigal Collantes.

### Tribute

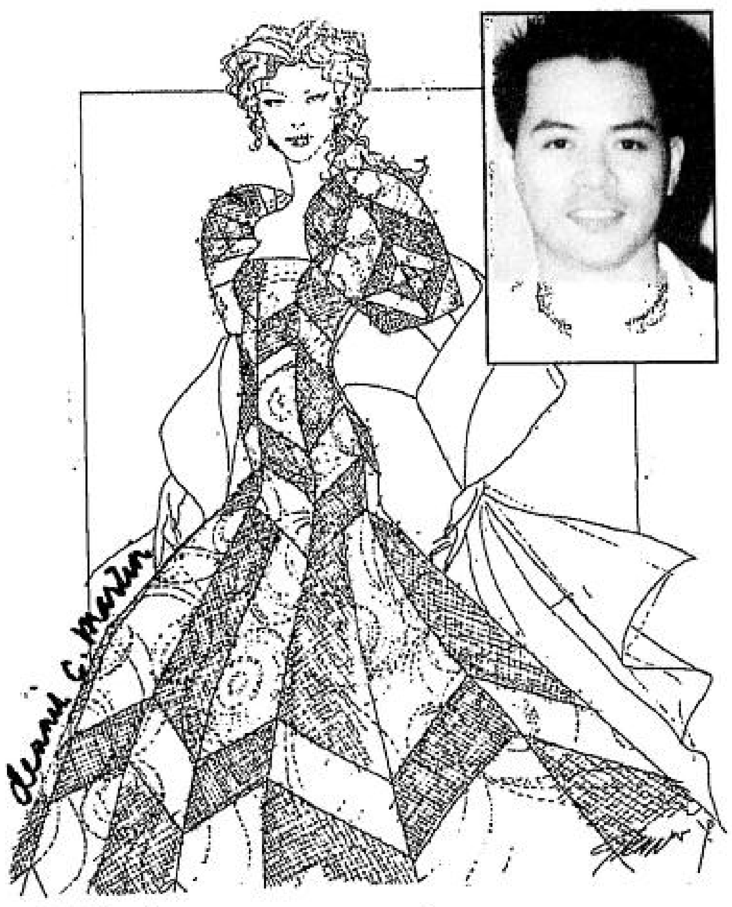
As a tribute to Valera, 30 designers will create Valera-inspired ternos. The creations will be presented in an exhibit also during the launch.

Designers include Johnny Abad, Edgar Allan, Ronaldo Arnaldo, Eddie Baddeo, Alex Bitong, JC Buendia, Francis Calaquian, Gregg Centeno, Jing Chua, Danny de la Cuesta, Steve de Leon, Donnie Delima, Danilo Franco, Antonio Galang, Gener Gozum, Alfonso Guino-o, Roland Lirio, Loretto, Edgar Madamba, Dennis Martin, Jontie Martinez, Ole Morabe, Richard Papa, Frederick Peralta, Oskar Peralta, Lito Perez, Roland Roxas, Renee Salud, Edgar San Diego and Tente Wilwayco.



**DON** Ramon Valera

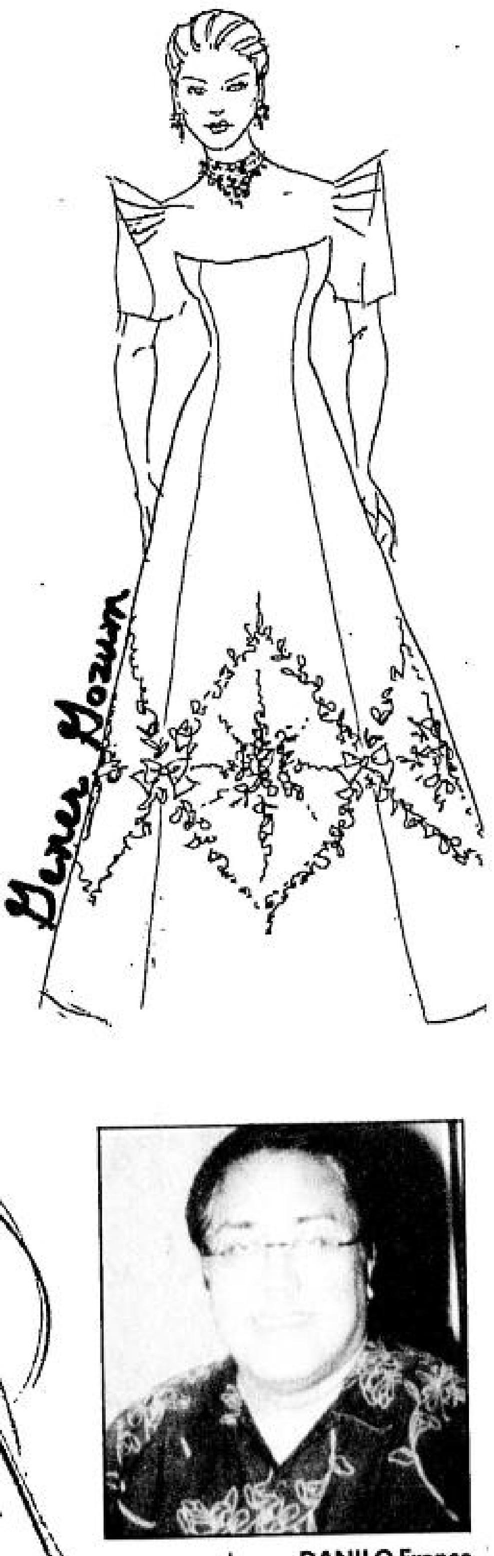
**VALERA** book launch committee members Criselda Lontok, Danny Dolor, Nedy Tantoco and Bambi Harper; (standing) Irene Francisco, Ben Farrales and Nolie Hans

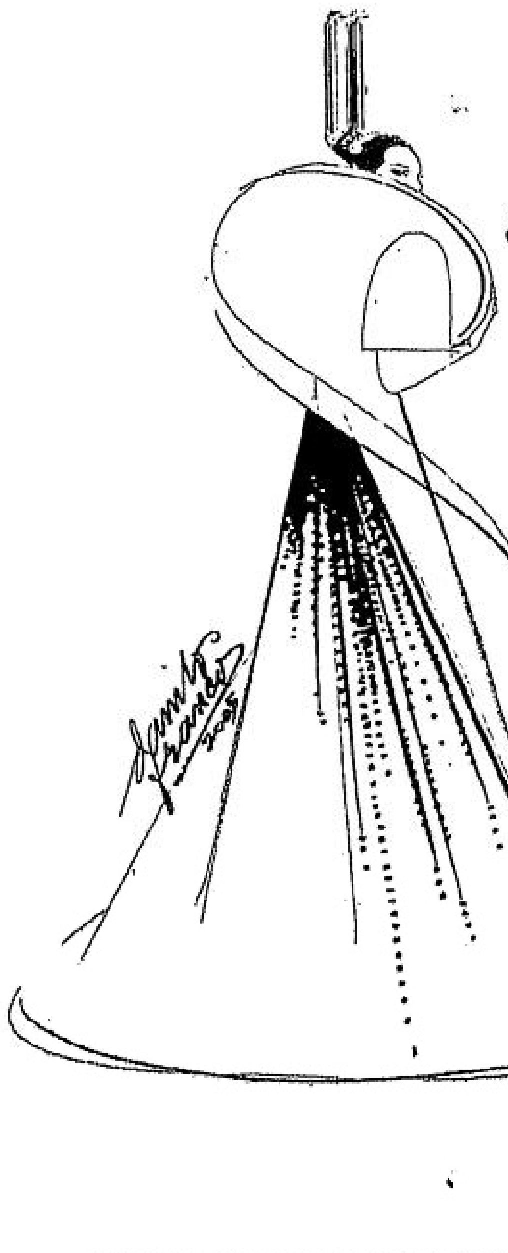


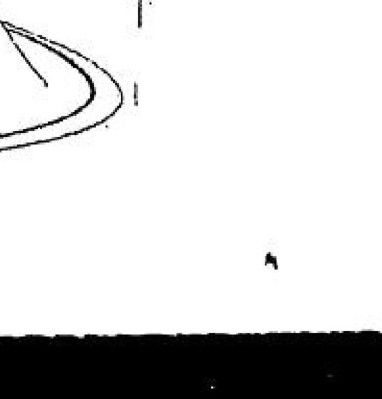
**DENNIS** Martin

2.5% INSTANT REBATE
with Diners Club purchases at all Robinsons Department Stores
· No minimum purchase required
· Sale items included
Promo Period: May 1 to June 30
Per DTI-NCR Permit # 2277 Series of 2005
25 years Celebrate Service! Celebrate Life!
Diners Club International
Robinsons Department Store
25 years Fashion everyday

**GENER** Gozum

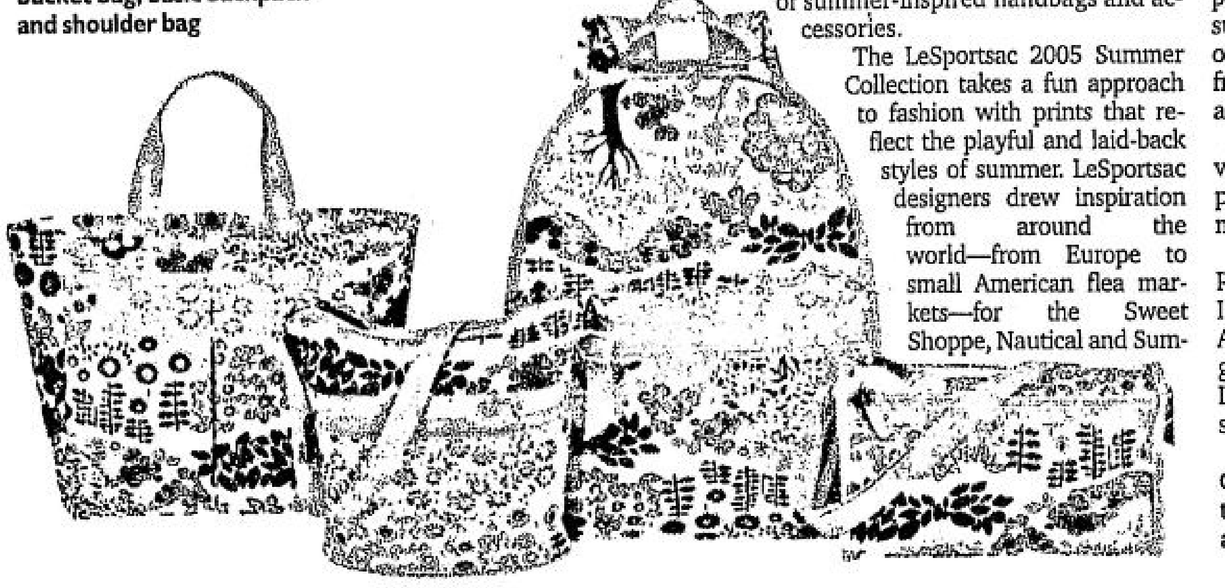






**DANILO** Franco

# Summer is in the bag



**PARK** Tribecca tote, mini bucket bag, basic backpack and shoulder bag

RUSTAN'S presents the LeSportsac Summer 2005 Classic Collection, a line of summer-inspired handbags and accessories.

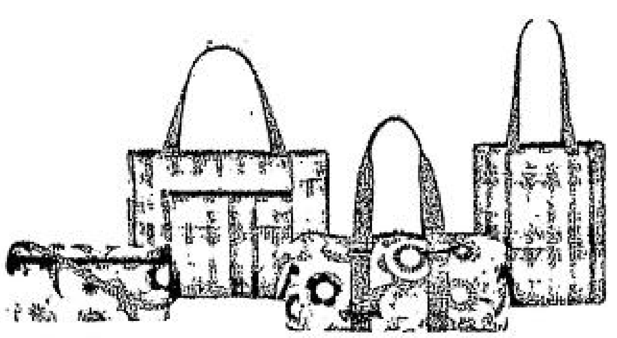
The LeSportsac 2005 Summer Collection takes a fun approach to fashion with prints that reflect the playful and laid-back styles of summer. LeSportsac designers drew inspiration from around the world—from Europe to small American flea markets—for the Sweet Shoppe, Nautical and Summer Geometrics collections.

Sweet Shoppe mixes up a sugary palette to create summer-infused prints, such as Humor in ultra-cool pastel colors. Sweet Love is a re-worked painting from a Dutch studio and is both sweet and spontaneous.

Nautical offers Marina's crisp motif in vintage French silks embellished with pink quartz, giving a fresh twist to the maritime theme.

Summer Geometrics includes the Pogo, Park and Big Apple collections. Identifying strongly with New York, Big Apple, a black and white grid set as background to bold accents of color, is LeSportsac's tribute to the city that never sleeps.

LeSportsac's Summer 2005 Classic Collection is exclusively available at Rustan's Makati, Shangri-La Plaza, Alabang and Cebu.



**PALETTE** reversible tote and bucket tote

**SWEET LOVE** square cosmetic kit, tote and handbag

# 'Desperate Housewives'

From page E1

night will never be the same again.

This series is the highest rating non-reality TV series in the US. It put back ABC on top of the ratings chart and became the first series to out-rate the Grammy Awards, which aired opposite it on CBS. Its stars—the "housewives"—are now the fodder of showbiz gossip. Their latest appearance on the cover of Vanity Fair May issue produced just the juicy copy any magazine would kill for—the "ladies" fought over blocking and wardrobe.

The opening episode, with Mary Alice Young (that's the character) committing suicide, isn't actually as morbid as you think. As the dead housewife looking over the world of the living, she assumes the role of narrator, leading you into the variegated pasts of the four housewives plus the neighborhood slut (Nicollette Sheridan), their interesting quirks and even more interesting destinies.

## Funny

It's actually funny. There's Susan (Teri Hatcher), who has been left by her husband and could never make the right moves, whether it's baking macaroni with cheese or making out with the hunk of a plumber. Then there's Lynette (Felicity Huffman), the corporate warrior turned baby factory, a mother on her wits' end; Bree (Marcia Cross), the perfectionist on prozac; and Gabrielle (Eva Longoria), the trophy wife who does it with the lawn boy once in a while. I know of some guys who follow the series just to see Longoria.

The story takes incredible twists and turns with each episode, the characters are fleshy, literally and figuratively, the laughs come alongside the reality jolts.

There's Huffman plunging into the pool, in stilettos, to show her boys who's boss, Hatcher burning her neighbor's house down out of jealousy. Human frailty is comic. The series is "Sex and The City" without the artifice, as one guy put it.

The series doesn't caricature the housewife but instead mines this life's role for what it has to offer, from boredom to ennui, misery, romance, lust and so on. It is well-written. Its creator and writer, Marc Cherry, had faced a series of rejections and was $30,000 in debt (according to Vanity Fair) before he conceived of the series.

## Not limited audience

Its audience isn't limited to women. It is appealing to men, not only because the women are sexy, even luscious, but also perhaps because this drama isn't melodramatic. Studio 23's creative director Edson Aguiflor explains how and why these housewives keep the men watching: "Drama is not mushy nor drawn out. There is enough action and suspense, as the women plot like men. The cast, while middle-aged, are hot mamas, a very good replacement for your sexy aunt you can't entertain sexy thoughts about. It could have been written for men, but instead of using five lead men, they used women instead. If you look closely, these ladies also think and behave like men (only they do it the feminine way)."

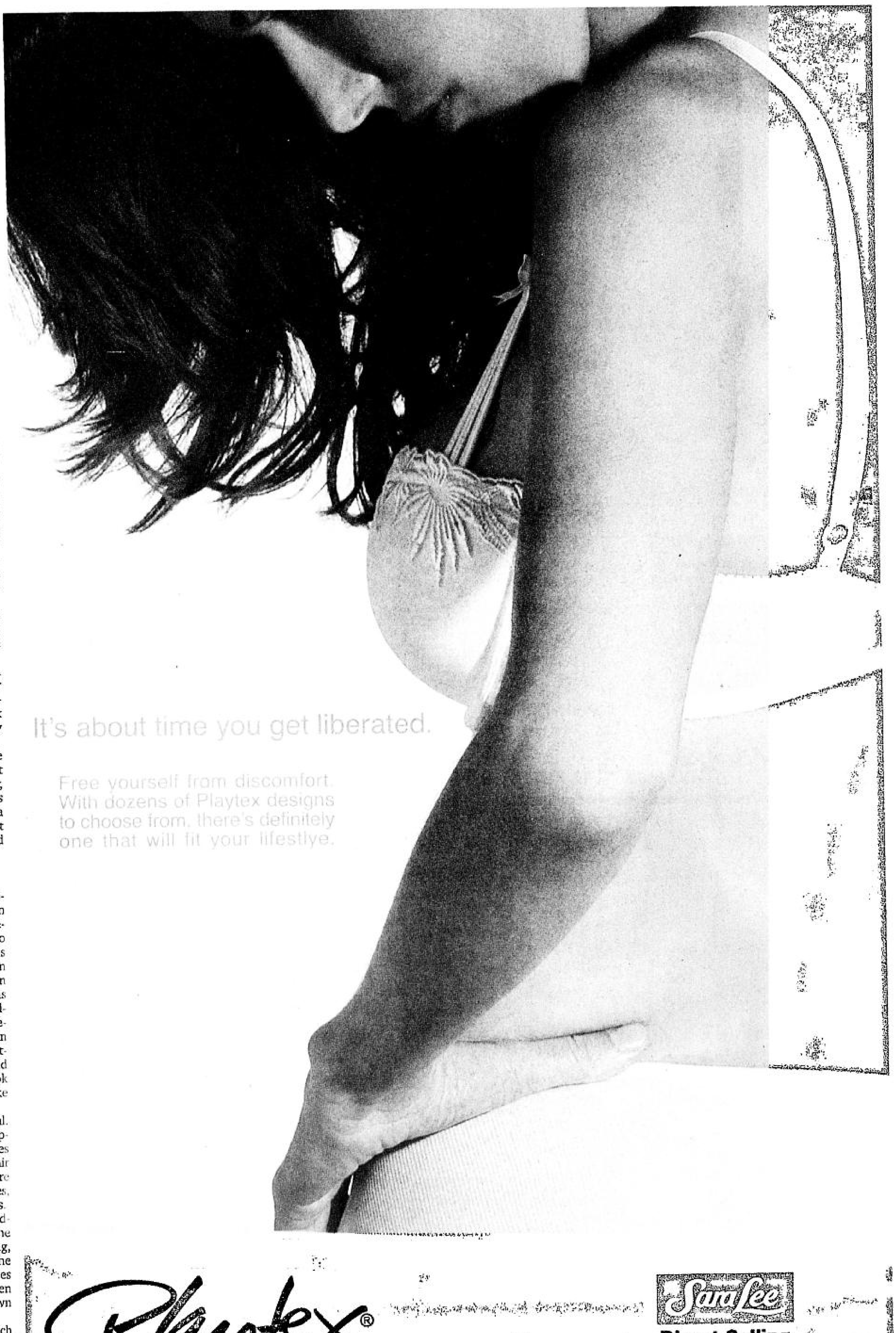
That's from the perspective of gender appeal. Now for lifestyle appeal, I believe this is jumping the line between just being a TV hit series and a lifestyle landmark. How? The Vanity Fair cover alone says a great deal—the women are shown in retro swimsuits and high wedgies, their hairstyle a throwback to the '50s and '60s.

With the women middle-aged and so middle-class, the "Desperate Housewives" is the revenge of the fortysomething. For so long, the universe of glamour has been ruled by the yuppies, the 20-30-something. From vanities to addictions. Now these middle-aged women can dictate the hype and roll out their own vanities and addictions.

I believe that after "Sex and The City," which is mainly for the thirtysomething fashionista, "Desperate Housewives" is fresh wind. It projects the demographic that has been sidelined or marginalized by the rule of the youth.

"Desperate Housewives" may rule not only prime time, but also style trends as well, if only for a limited time. I only have a quibble: In real life, housewives aren't that thin.

But anyway, in the next few weeks, my Thursdays will be a shuttle between the French Open and these almost-anorexic-bodied housewives.


It's about time you get liberated.
Free yourself from discomfort. With dozens of Playtex designs to choose from, there's definitely one that will fit your lifestlye.

Playtex®
Fit that's true to you!

Sara Lee
Direct Selling
everyday!

**Playtex** is another quality brand from Sara Lee Direct Selling. Interested? **Call 810-5402 or email customer.relations@saraleedirectselling.ph**

Other Sara Lee Direct Selling Brands: Hanes, Hanes Her Way, Wonderbra, Barely There, Just My Size, Girls' Attitudes, Champion, Colour Collection, Beauty Touch, Ivana, Georgie On Ice, VS.Versus, Nutrimetics, Sanex, Zwitsal, Pickwick, Moccona, Douwe Egberts.

# One-price store names official endorser

**KID MODEL** reveals what fantastic things one can do with items all worth P99.

THE P99 STORE, the country's only "one-price store," gave everyone a taste of the P99 lifestyle recently when it launched its official endorser and a groundbreaking addition to its chain of retail stores, to mark its 12th year in the business.

As The P99 Store stood for innovation in retail, the venue, Ratsky Tomas Morato, was turned into a creative lab of sorts adorned with The P99 Store merchandise craftily fashioned into something unique and useful. Wastebaskets were turned into colorful lamps and glow sticks were turned into fashionable ID tags for guests who attended the festive night.

Hosted by Leah Navarro, the event kicked off with the introduction of The P99 Store's official endorser, Bayani Agbayani, and his new Bayani Joke Joke Shirt Line. The shirts feature quips from the famed comedian and are exclusively distributed by The P99 Store.

The highlight of the event was a string of makeovers, with a male and female model, an 8-year-old kid and an elderly woman all turning from plain to posh using only stuff found at The P99 Store.

Contemporary fashion stylists Kat Manalo and Kim de Guzman had a hand in jazzing up the looks of the models and revealing what fantastic things one could do with items all worth P99.

For store owners Eric and Emelda Teng, bringing affordable merchandise to Filipinos has been a 12-year endeavor. But there's more: The P99 Rolling Store, another innovation in retailing.

Now, instead of coming to the store, people can enjoy The P99 Store merchandise through a rolling store that goes to them and which will be deployed nationwide. Party guests were able to catch a glimpse and even purchase goods from the rolling store parked right below Ratsky.

The P99 Store offers everything shoppers need, from fashionable clothes and trendy accessories to home ware, school and office supplies, toys, novelty items and other functional gadgets.

1200W
STANDARD
Bagong Standard Vacuum Cleaner.
Hindi ka na kakain pa ng alikabok, Ever!
STANDARD®
Suggested retail price. P1,850

Come to an evening of cocktails and music to unveil the 2-bedroom unit on June 2, 2005 at 6 p.m. Please call Joy at 807-0111 for more information.

Why live in a shoebox?

When you can have all this space for a lot less, right in the heart of Alabang.

Actual photo of model unit's master bedroom

THE MONDRIAN is all about space! Be liberated by oversized units in this 22-storey, low-density residential condominium. Each level has a maximum of 9 units only, all with individual terraces overlooking breathtaking views. With a price that gives you more value per square meter than typical condominiums. Right in the heart of Filinvest Corporate City, Alabang, it's in close proximity to the finest malls, schools, churches, hospitals and country clubs.

FULLY TITLED: CCT'S AVAILABLE FOR ALL UNITS • AS LOW AS P10,000 A MONTH • CONSTRUCTION IS 85% COMPLETED
INTERIOR FINISHING NOW ON-GOING • MODEL UNITS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING • Visit our website at www.ardendevcorp.com

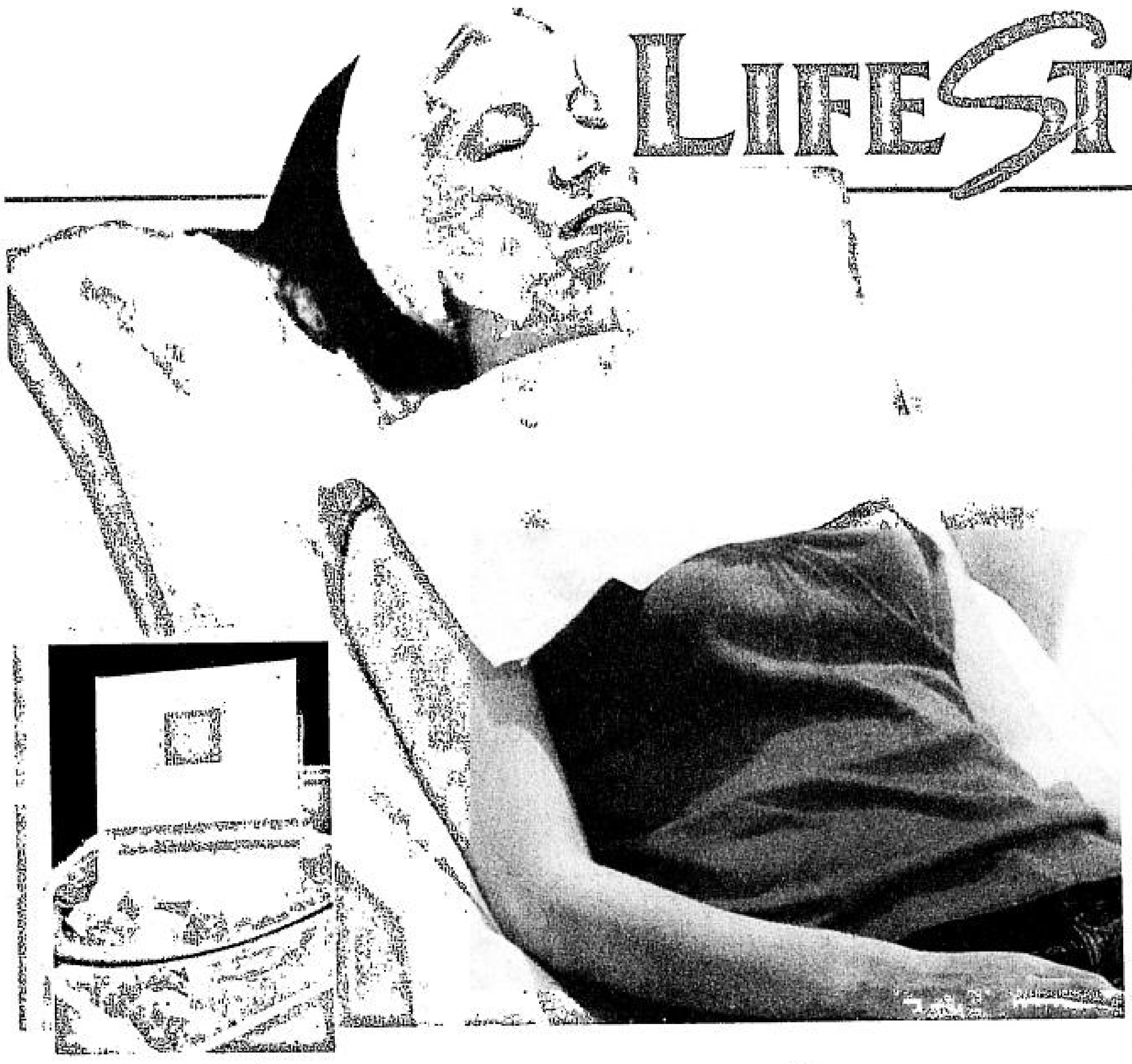
THE MONDRIAN
RESIDENCES
The Art of Liberating Space

Owner: JRB Land, Inc • Project Proponent: AAM ARDEN PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT CORP.
Filinvest Corporate City, Alabang, Muntinlupa • Telephone No. (632) 807-0111 / 809-3612 / 809-3076 • HLURB License to Sell No. 11965

# LIFESTYLE

For feedback, e-mail us at lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph

**Text us your feedback:**
inquirer life name/age/city/message to
2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)



**MEDIA** guests were treated to relaxing and pampering facials highlighting the new Neutrogena Fine Fairness Mask, a breakthrough dual-function facial mask that provides instant and intense hydration to the skin as well as whitening benefits.

# Facial spa in your home

NEUTROGENA, the leader in dermatologist-recommended skin care products, expands its facial care line with another breakthrough product: the Neutrogena Fine Fairness Mask, the first of its kind dual-function facial treatment mask that offers intensive hydration and effective skin whitening.

Shaped to fit the face, the pre-moistened soft cloth mask also provides soothing and pampering benefits, bringing the facial spa experience right into your home.

A result of extensive research and development, the Neutrogena Fine Fairness Mask provides intensive moisturization instantly after use. Soaked in a Vitamin C solution, it effectively lightens overall complexion by improving roughness and skin clarity in two weeks, helping remove age spots in just four weeks, and enhancing overall fairness, evenness and dark spots in eight weeks.

With the Neutrogena Fine Fairness Mask, there is real skin improvement over time. It also contains anti-oxidants and natural plant extracts such as aloe and mulberry extract to provide anti-inflammatory and soothing effects.

Shaped to fit the face with holes cut out for the eyes and nose, with slits on the sides to either expand or constrict for a one-size-fits-all perfection, the Neutrogena Fine Fairness Mask is fuss-free and easy to apply for regular use.

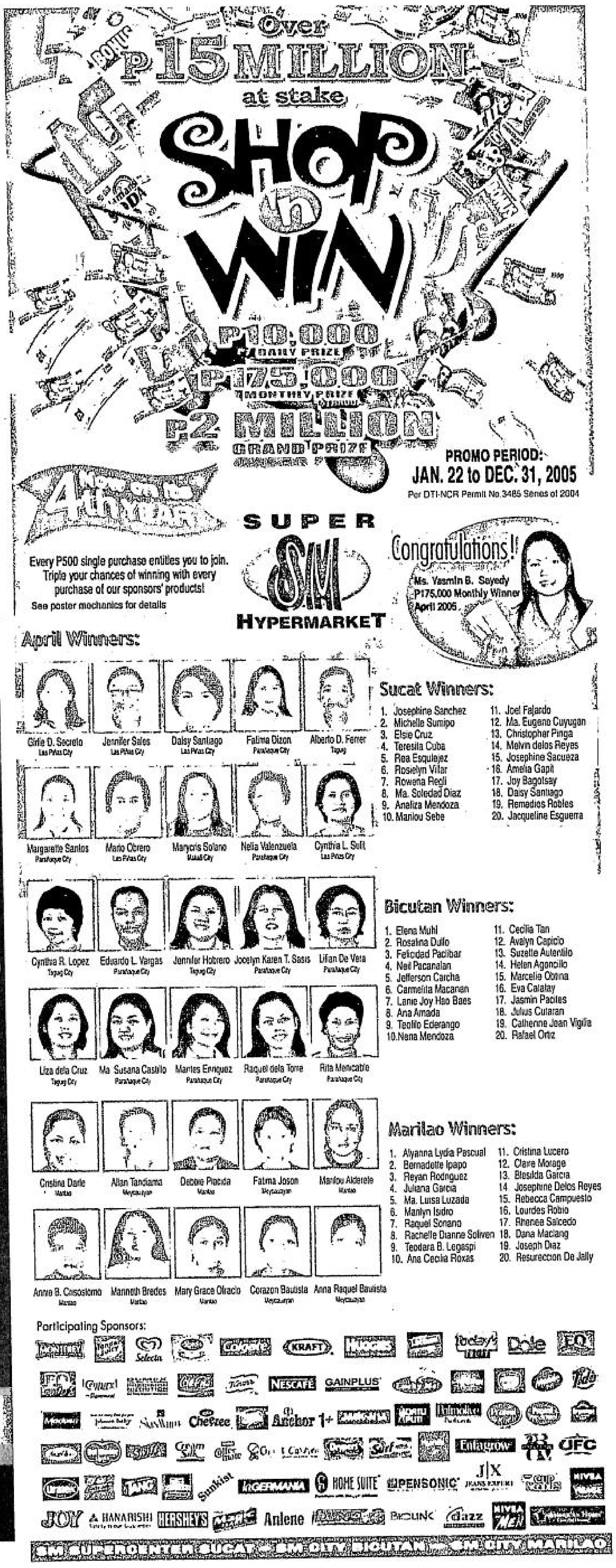
It is used after cleansing and best applied before bedtime. Just open the individually packed sachet and remove the mask. The mask should be pressed lightly with fingertips to set in place over the face. Remove after 15 minutes. Massage the remaining fluid on the skin for an instant facial spa experience.

Neutrogena Fine Fairness Mask is dermatologist-tested, fragrance-free and non-comedogenic. It is safe for all skin types and recommended to be used twice a week. Daily usage is recommended for more intense whitening requirements such as removal of dark spots.

GEOX
BREATHES
LET YOUR FEET BREATHE
GEOX
NO GEOX
GLORIETTA 3, AYALA CENTER,
MAKATI CITY
Tel#8162530

SOON TO OPEN
ALABANG TOWN CENTER
MUNTINLUPA CITY

GEOX INTERNATIONAL PATENT GEOX.COM



PROMO PERIOD:
JAN. 22 to DEC. 31, 2005
Per DTI-NCR Permit No.3485 Series of 2004

Every P500 single purchase entitles you to join.
Triple your chances of winning with every purchase of our sponsors' products!
See poster mechanics for details

Ms. Yasmin B. Seyedy
P175,000 Monthly Winner
April 2005

April Winners:

Girlie D. Secreto, Las Piñas City
Jennifer Sales, Las Piñas City
Daisy Santiago, Las Piñas City
Fatima Dizon, Parañaque City
Alberto D. Ferrer, Taguig
Margarette Santos, Parañaque City
Mario Obrero, Las Piñas City
Marycris Solano, Makati City
Nelia Valenzuela, Parañaque City
Cynthia L. Sell, Las Piñas City

Sucat Winners:

1. Josephine Sanchez
2. Michelle Sumipo
3. Elsie Cruz
4. Teresita Cuba
5. Rea Esquejez
6. Rosielyn Vilar
7. Rowena Regli
8. Ma. Soledad Diaz
9. Analiza Mendoza
10. Marilou Sebe
11. Joel Fajardo
12. Ma. Eugeno Cuyugan
13. Christopher Pinga
14. Melvin delos Reyes
15. Josephine Sacueza
16. Amelia Gapit
17. Joy Bagolsay
18. Daisy Santiago
19. Remedios Robles
20. Jacqueline Esguerra

Cynthia R. Lopez, Taguig City
Eduardo L. Vargas, Parañaque City
Jennifer Hobrero, Taguig City
Jocelyn Karen T. Sasis, Parañaque City
Lilian De Vera, Parañaque City
Liza dela Cruz, Taguig City
Ma. Susana Castillo, Parañaque City
Maritess Enriquez, Parañaque City
Raquel dela Torre, Parañaque City
Rita Mencable, Parañaque City

Bicutan Winners:

1. Elena Muhl
2. Rosalina Dulfo
3. Felicidad Pacibar
4. Neil Pacanalan
5. Jefferson Carcha
6. Carmelita Macanan
7. Lanie Joy Hao Baes
8. Ana Amada
9. Teofilo Ederango
10. Nena Mendoza
11. Cecilia Tan
12. Avalyn Capicio
13. Suzette Autentilo
14. Helen Agoncillo
15. Marcelie Obina
16. Eva Calalay
17. Jasmin Pacites
18. Julius Cutaran
19. Catherine Jean Vigilia
20. Rafael Ortiz

Cristina Darle, Marilao
Allan Tandiama, Meycauayan
Debbie Placida, Marilao
Fatma Joson, Meycauayan
Marilou Alderete, Marilao
Annie B. Crisostomo, Marilao
Manneth Bredes, Marilao
Mary Grace Olracio, Marilao
Corazon Bautista, Meycauayan
Anna Raquel Bautista, Meycauayan

Marilao Winners:

1. Alyanna Lydia Pascual
2. Bernadette Ipapo
3. Reyan Rodriguez
4. Juliana Garcia
5. Ma. Luisa Luzada
6. Marilyn Isidro
7. Raquel Sorrano
8. Rachelle Dianne Soliven
9. Teodara B. Legaspi
10. Ana Cecilia Roxas
11. Cristina Lucero
12. Clare Morage
13. Blesilda Garcia
14. Josephine Delos Reyes
15. Rebecca Campuesto
16. Lourdes Robio
17. Rhonee Salcedo
18. Dana Maciang
19. Joseph Diaz
20. Resureccion De Jelly

Participating Sponsors:

Selecta, KRAFT, Dole, NESCAFE, GAINPLUS, Tide, Cheezee, Anchor 1+, Palmolive, Enfagrow, UFC, TANG, Sunkist, HOME SUITE, PENSONIC, JX JEANS EXPERT, NIVEA, JOY, HANABISHI, HERSHEY'S, Anlene, dazz, NIVEA MEN

SM SUPERCENTER SUCAT • SM CITY BICUTAN • SM CITY MARILAO

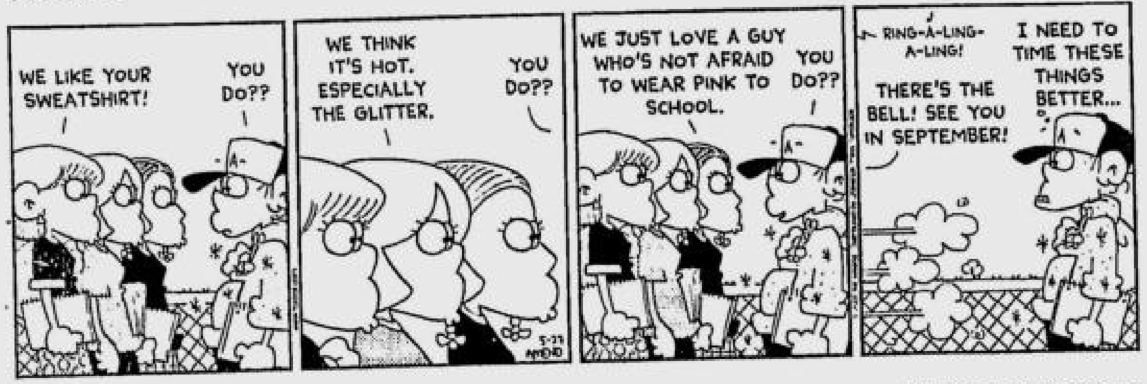
LOWEST
EASTWESTBANK
Interest Rate.
Get the credit card with the lowest interest rate of only 2.25% for basic purchases* and 2.75% for non-basics. The East West Bank MasterCard. It's the new symbol for paying less.
Call 719-8888 to avail now.

MasterCard
PDIC
Member of the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation
Maximum Deposit Insurance for Each Depositor P250,000
* grocery/supermarkets, gasoline and drugstore purchases

EASTWESTBANK
Building Relationships. Completing Lives
www.eastwestbanker.com
Main Office: 6795 Ayala Ave. corner Herrera St. Salcedo Village, Makati City
Tel. No.: 815-0233 Fax No.: 818-4165

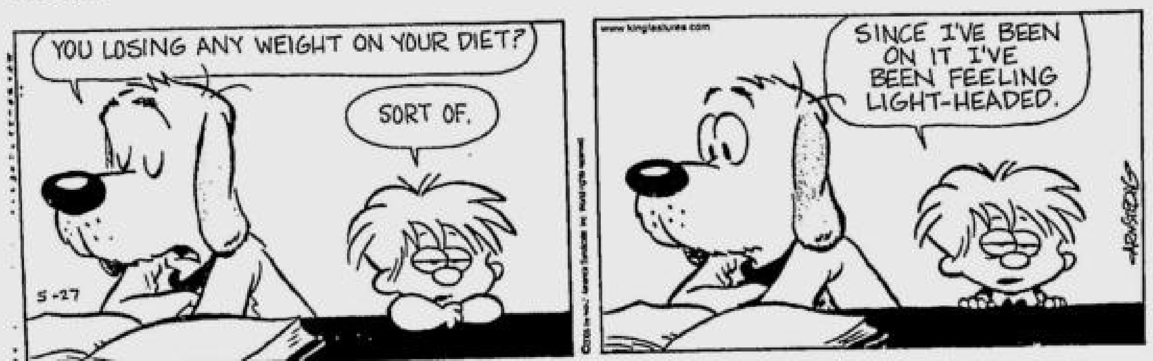
## FOXTROT

BY BILL AMEND


WE LIKE YOUR SWEATSHIRT!
YOU DO??
WE THINK IT'S HOT. ESPECIALLY THE GLITTER.
YOU DO??
WE JUST LOVE A GUY WHO'S NOT AFRAID TO WEAR PINK TO SCHOOL.
YOU DO??
RING-A-LING-A-LING!
THERE'S THE BELL! SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!
I NEED TO TIME THESE THINGS BETTER...
5-27 AMEND

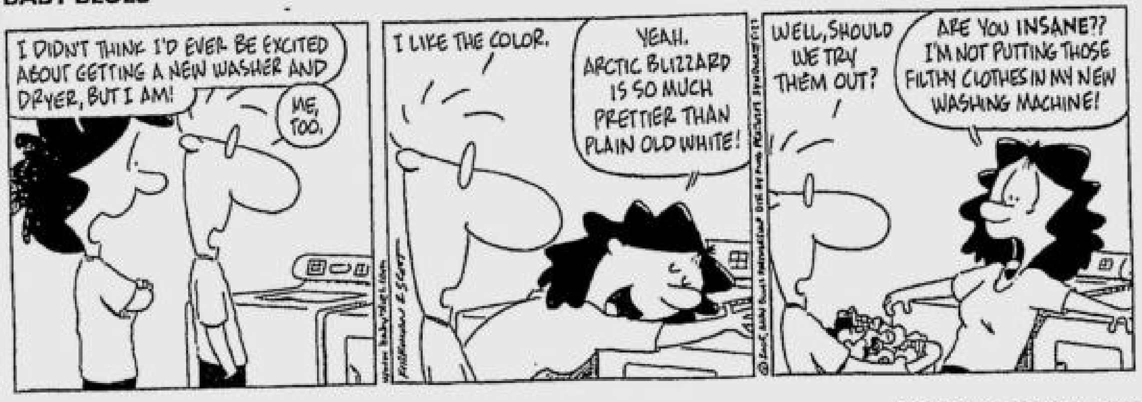
## MARVIN

BY TOM ARMSTRONG


YOU LOSING ANY WEIGHT ON YOUR DIET?
SORT OF.
SINCE I'VE BEEN ON IT I'VE BEEN FEELING LIGHT-HEADED.
5-27
www.kingfeatures.com
ARMSTRONG

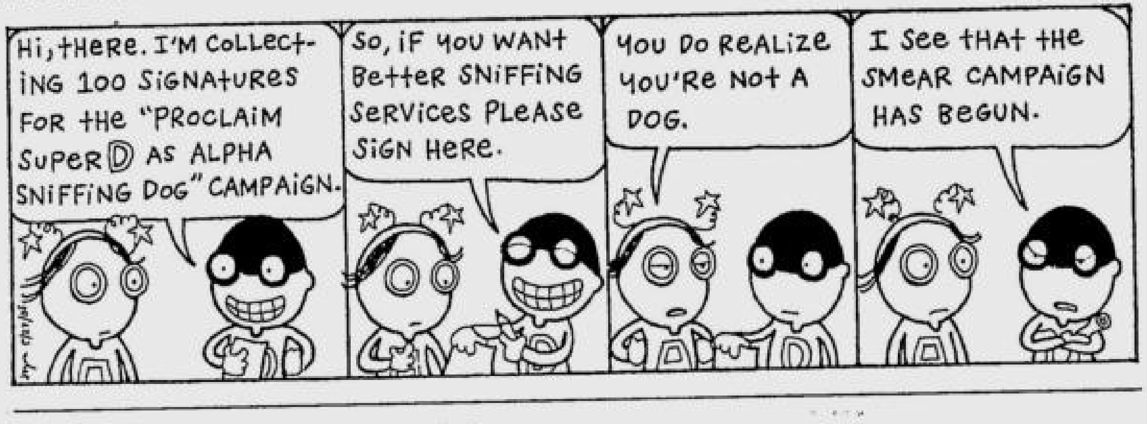
## BABY BLUES

BY JERRY SCOTT


I DIDN'T THINK I'D EVER BE EXCITED ABOUT GETTING A NEW WASHER AND DRYER, BUT I AM!
ME, TOO.
I LIKE THE COLOR.
YEAH. ARCTIC BLIZZARD IS SO MUCH PRETTIER THAN PLAIN OLD WHITE!
WELL, SHOULD WE TRY THEM OUT?
ARE YOU INSANE?? I'M NOT PUTTING THOSE FILTHY CLOTHES IN MY NEW WASHING MACHINE!

## ATOMO AND WEBOY

BY LYRA GARCELLANO


Hi, there. I'M collecting 100 Signatures for the "PROCLAIM Super D AS ALPHA SNIFFING DOG" CAMPAIGN.
So, if you want better sniffing services please sign here.
You do realize you're not a dog.
I see that the smear campaign has begun.

## HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

**YOU BORN TODAY:** You want to improve things—either your own development or the world around you. You identify strongly with family or perhaps even a group to which you belong. Many of you travel considerably or live in another country for a while. An important choice will arise that you must face this year. Choose wisely: Birthdate of: Louis Gossett Jr., actor; Jamie Oliver, TV chef; Vincent Price, actor.

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19):** This is a good day to talk to friends and groups. You feel sociable, lighthearted and protective of someone. A female friend could be helpful to you.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20):** You will probably do something that calls attention to yourself today. Or it might just happen out of the blue. Either way, people notice you now. (Look your best.)

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20):** You love to travel, and this is the perfect day to make travel plans. Try to do anything out of the ordinary and not familiar to your routine. Shake up your daily schedule. Live a little!

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22):** Attend to details related to bills, taxes, insurance matters and working out loose ends about shared property. Return anything that you have borrowed.

**LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22):** A conversation with a friend could be quite meaningful today. Finally, you feel that you have someone's attention. (And it's been a long time getting it!)

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22):** Take at least 30 minutes of your day today to work at getting better organized at your job or at home. (You might want to do both.) You'll feel better if you do this!

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22):** This is a playful, prankish, flirtatious day! The bottom line is you want to enjoy yourself and have fun! Meet friends for good times and laughter. (Life is too short not to laugh.)

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21):** This is a good day to go through closets, basements, dark areas and your laundry or plumbing so that you can throw away garbage and whatever you don't need. Clean up; lighten your load.

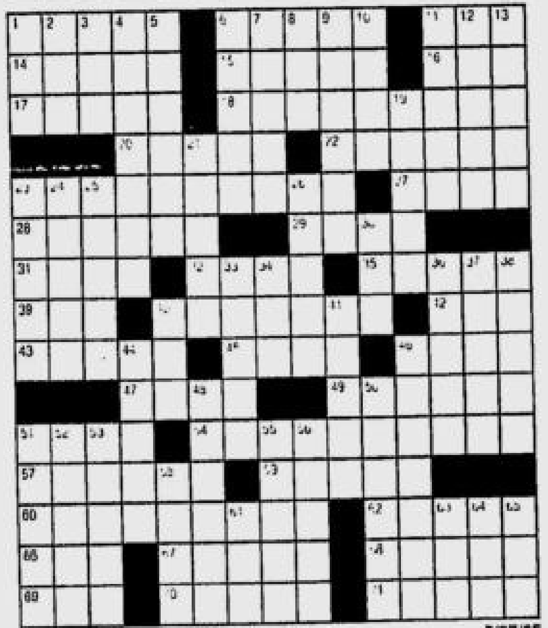
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21):** This is a busy day. Conversation with siblings, friends and relatives is pleasant. Shopping, short trips and negotiations keep you on the run!

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19):** You're full of moneymaking ideas today. They could be related to electronics, technology or the Internet. Why not suggest them to someone who is interested?

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18):** You feel lighthearted, friendly and even lucky today! Everything seems to be going your way. One thing is certain: Your positive attitude attracts opportunities to you.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20):** Try to rest or work behind the scenes today. Take it easy. Don't expect too much of yourself. You need to replenish your energy.

## DAILY CROSSWORD


1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37
38
39
40
41
42
43
44
45
46
47
48
49
50
51
52
53
54
55
56
57
58
59
60
61
62
63
64
65
66
67
68
69
70
71

5/27/05

By John Underwood
New York, NY

ACROSS
1 Bacon unit
6 Stage whisper
11 Hearth residue
14 Cellist Casals
15 Decreed
16 Cote call
17 Ruffled border
18 Mother of Laura Dern
20 "Silas Marner" author
22 Lacking the skill
23 Stallone movie
27 Satisfies a debt
28 Champaign's twin city
29 Comic squeals
31 Clock face
32 Sharper screen image: abbr.
35 Slangy assents
39 Small batteries
40 Eastwood film
42 Lion's lair
43 "Come Back, Little __"
45 Marco __
46 Reveal
47 Lean sideways
49 Key with two flats
51 Water of Guadalajara
54 Star who died mysteriously in 1935
57 Dwarf tree
59 Rights grp.
60 Bugs Bunny's classic dupe
62 Mecca pilgrim
66 Fruit cooler
67 Metal mixture
68 Grad school tests
69 Gym cushion
70 Chicago pros
71 Barber's sharpener

DOWN
1 Tanning lotion abbr.
2 Old seafarer
3 Hitter's stat
4 Like the black market
5 Allergy inducer
6 Fervor
7 Software bundle
8 Stevedores' org.
9 Lay bare
10 Idyllic spot
11 Addis __
12 With regrets
13 Dead zone?
19 Expire
21 Pocatello place
23 Betrayer
24 Heep of Dickens
25 Early computer filing system
26 Lucifer
30 "The Spanish Tragedy" dramatist
33 Profundity
34 Boxing letters
36 "A Bell for __"
37 Biblical king
38 Bergen's Mortimer
40 __ alai
41 Church truth
44 Above it all
46 Walk-on
48 Quell
50 Tough guys
51 Alongside, nautically
52 Israeli PM Meir
53 Not fulfilled
55 Biblical witch's home
56 Word before man or maid
58 Part of U.A.E.
61 Spat or fib ending?
63 Unsettle
64 "Selena" star, casually
65 AOL, for one

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

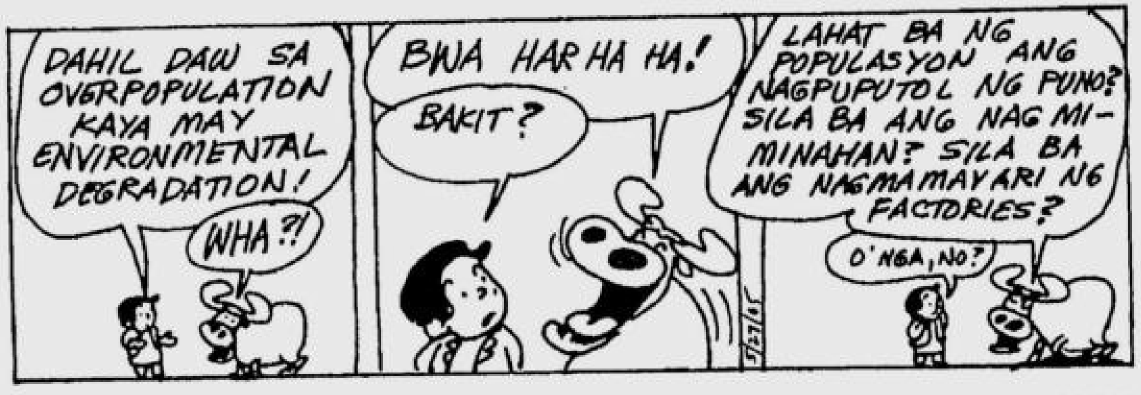
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| I | S | A | A | C | | A | B | D | U | L | | P | S | T |
| Z | O | R | R | O | | S | A | Y | S | O | | O | H | O |
| A | C | O | M | M | I | T | T | E | E | T | A | K | E | S |
| R | K | O | | M | M | I | I | | | S | O | I | L | S |
| | | | H | O | U | R | S | T | O | | N | E | V | E |
| P | E | C | A | N | S | | T | E | M | P | E | R | E | D |
| O | M | A | R | | | T | E | R | N | I | | | | |
| P | U | T | I | N | T | O | | M | I | N | U | T | E | S |
| | | | | A | H | O | Y | S | | | P | A | R | E |
| M | A | R | I | N | A | T | E | | A | M | O | R | A | L |
| A | P | E | S | | W | H | A | T | C | A | N | | | |
| M | I | D | A | S | | | R | E | M | S | | S | I | P |
| B | E | D | O | N | E | I | N | S | E | C | O | N | D | S |
| A | C | E | | E | G | R | E | T | | O | B | O | E | S |
| S | E | N | | E | G | A | D | S | | T | I | B | E | T |

(C)2005 Tribune Media Services, Inc
All rights reserved

5/27/05

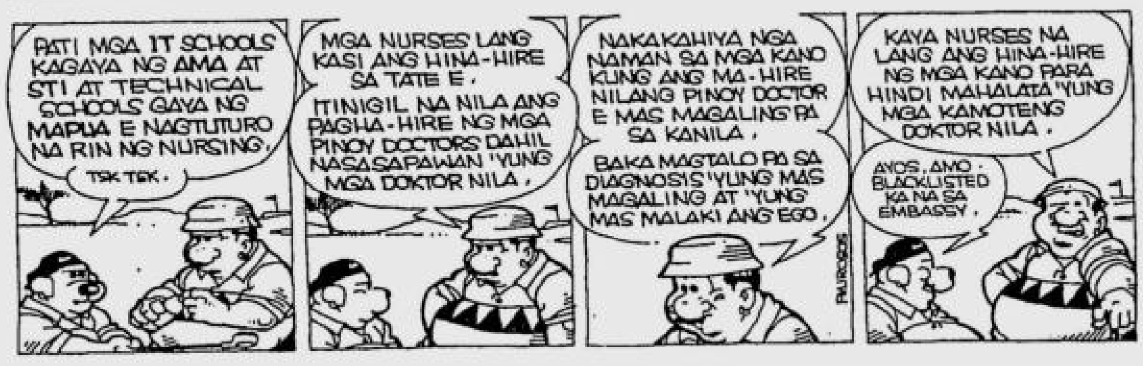
## A. LIPIN

BY JESS ABRERA


DAHIL DAW SA OVERPOPULATION KAYA MAY ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION!
WHA?!
BWA HAR HA HA!
BAKIT?
LAHAT BA NG POPULASYON ANG NAGPUPUTOL NG PUNO? SILA BA ANG NAGMIMINAHAN? SILA BA ANG NAGMAMAYARI NG FACTORIES?
O'NGA, NO?

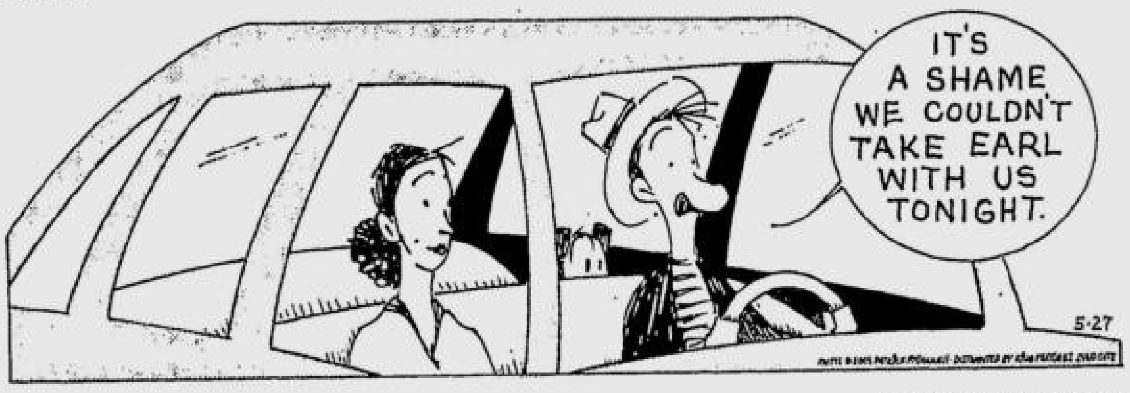
## PUGAD BABOY

BY P.M. JUNIOR


PATI MGA IT SCHOOLS KAGAYA NG AMA AT STI AT TECHNICAL SCHOOLS GAYA NG MAPUA E NAGTUTURO NA RIN NG NURSING.
TSK TEK.
MGA NURSES LANG KASI ANG HINA-HIRE SA TATE E.
ITINIGIL NA NILA ANG PAGHA-HIRE NG MGA PINOY DOCTORS DAHIL NASASAPAWAN 'YUNG MGA DOKTOR NILA.
NAKAKAHIYA NGA NAMAN SA MGA KANO KUNG ANG MA-HIRE NILANG PINOY DOCTOR E MAS MAGALING PA SA KANILA.
BAKA MAGTALO PA SA DIAGNOSIS 'YUNG MAS MAGALING AT 'YUNG MAS MALAKI ANG EGO.
KAYA NURSES NA LANG ANG HINA-HIRE NG MGA KANO PARA HINDI MAHALATA 'YUNG MGA KAMOTENG DOKTOR NILA.
AYOS, AMO. BLACKLISTED KA NA SA EMBASSY.
PMJUNIOR

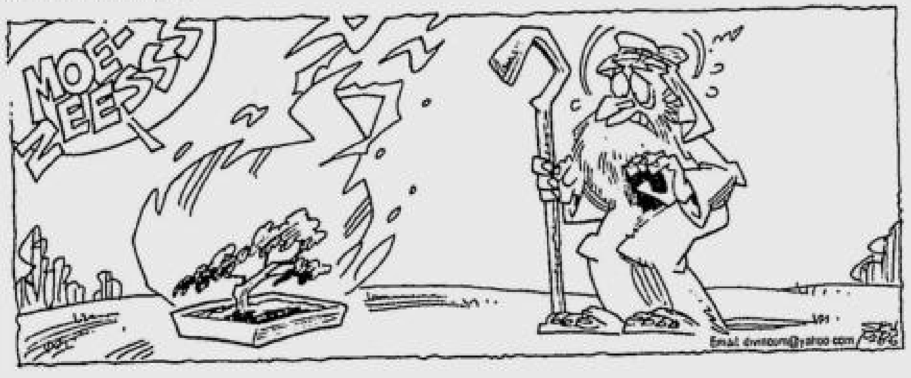
## MUTTS

BY PATRICK McDONNELL


IT'S A SHAME WE COULDN'T TAKE EARL WITH US TONIGHT.
5-27

## DIVINE COMEDY

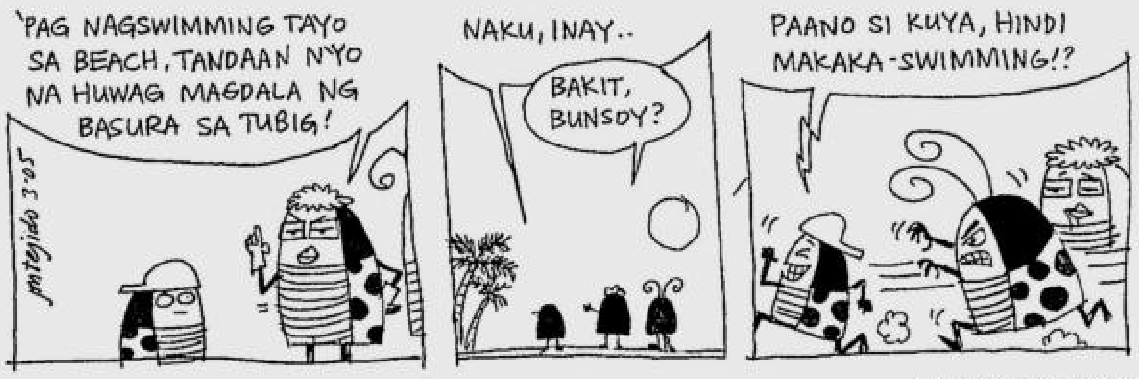
BY STEVEN PABALINAS


MOE-ZEESS
Email: divicom@yahoo.com

AT MULING NAGPAKITA ANG DIYOS KAY MOSES SA PAMAMAGITAN NG ISANG BURNING BONSAI PLANT

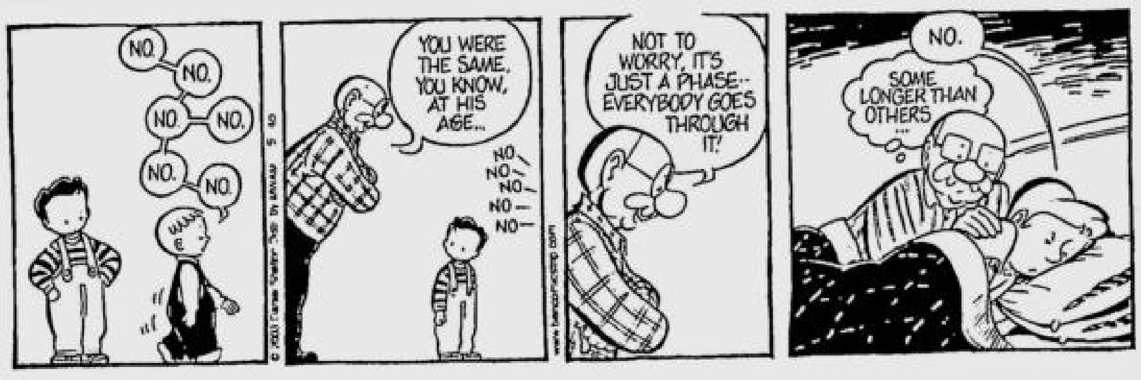
## MIKROKOSMOS

BY JOMIKE TEJIDO


'PAG NAGSWIMMING TAYO SA BEACH, TANDAAN N'YO NA HUWAG MAGDALA NG BASURA SA TUBIG!
jmtejido 3·05
NAKU, INAY..
BAKIT, BUNSOY?
PAANO SI KUYA, HINDI MAKAKA-SWIMMING!?

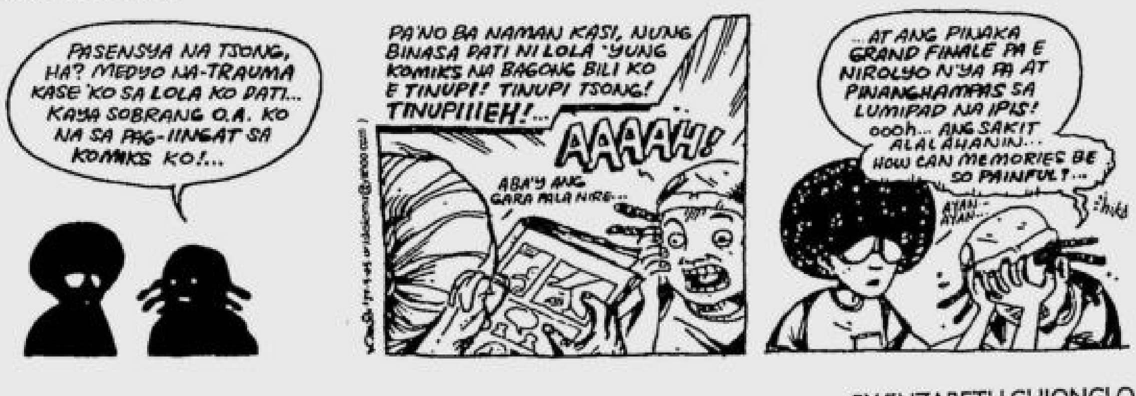
## BEN

BY DANIEL SHELTON


NO.
NO.
NO.
NO.
NO.
NO.
YOU WERE THE SAME. YOU KNOW, AT HIS AGE...
NO— NO— NO— NO— NO—
NOT TO WORRY, IT'S JUST A PHASE... EVERYBODY GOES THROUGH IT!
NO.
SOME LONGER THAN OTHERS...

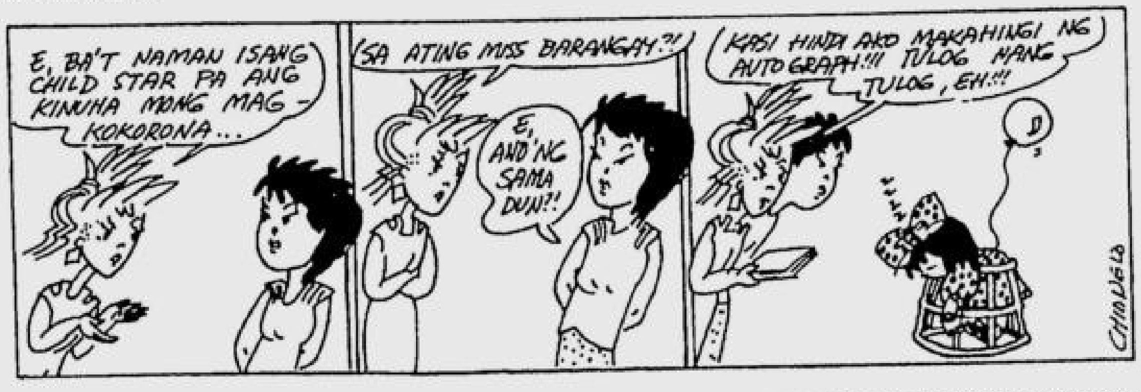
## KIKO MACHINE

BY MANIX ABRERA


PASENSYA NA TSONG, HA? MEDYO NA-TRAUMA KASE KO SA LOLA KO DATI... KAYA SOBRANG O.A. KO NA SA PAG-IINGAT SA KOMIKS KO!...
PA'NO BA NAMAN KASI, NUNG BINASA DATI NI LOLA 'YUNG KOMIKS NA BAGONG BILI KO E TINUPI! TINUPI TSONG! TINUPIIIEH!...
AAAAH!
ABA'Y ANG GARA PALA NIRE...
...AT ANG PINAKA GRAND FINALE PA E NIROLYO N'YA PA AT PINANGHAMPAS SA LUMIPAD NA IPIS! oooh... ANG SAKIT ALALAHANIN... HOW CAN MEMORIES BE SO PAINFUL?...
AYAN-AYAN...
:hikbi

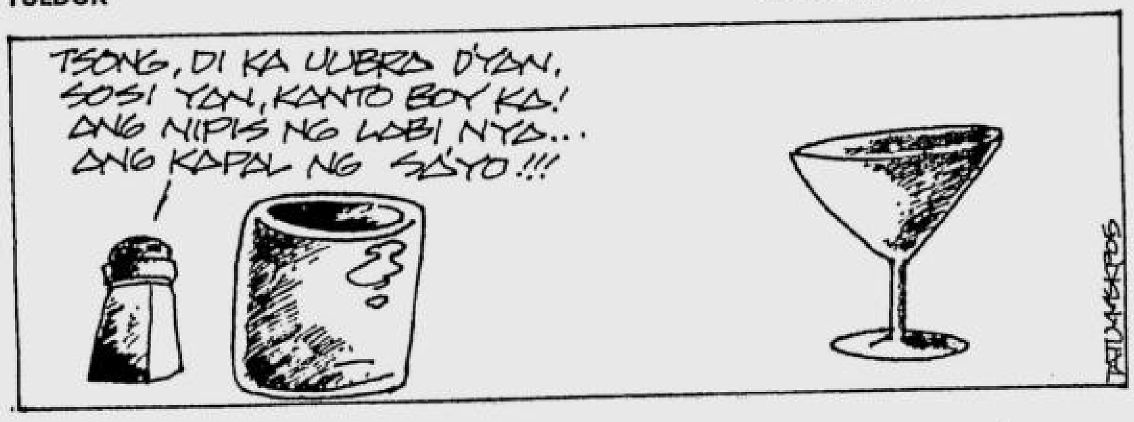
## LOVEKNOTS

BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO

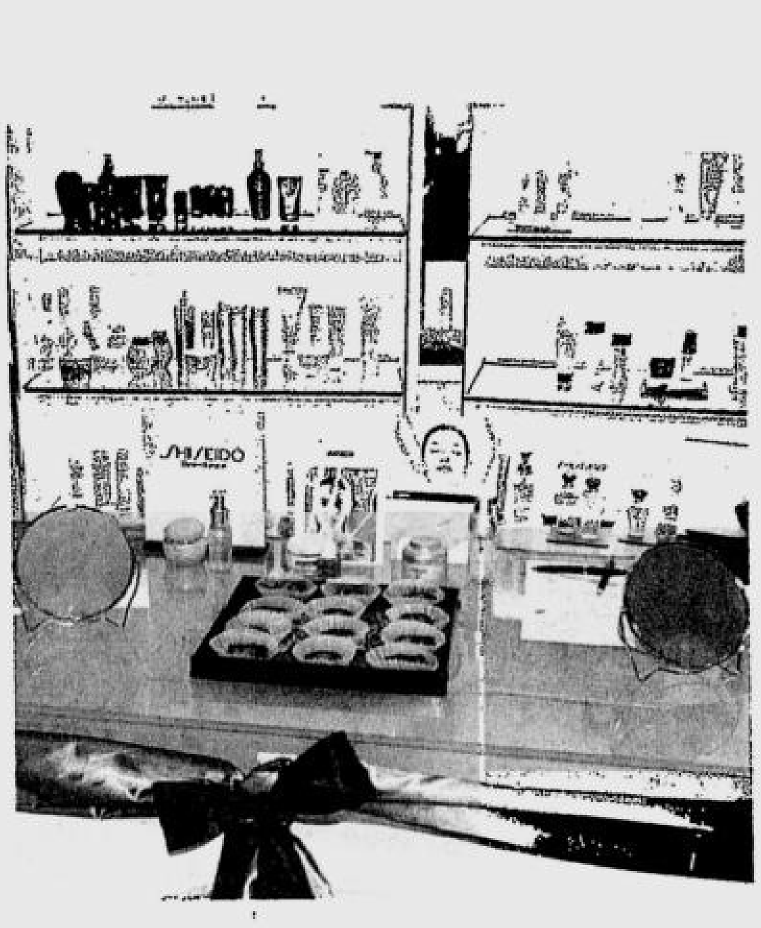

E, BA'T NAMAN ISANG CHILD STAR PA ANG KINUHA MONG MAG-KOKORONA...
SA ATING MISS BARANGAY?!
E, ANO'NG SAMA DUN?!
KASI HINDI AKO MAKAHINGI NG AUTOGRAPH!!! TULOG NANG TULOG, EH!!!
CHIONGLO

## TULDOK

BY PAPU AND TATUM MILAMBILING


TSONG, DI KA UUBRA D'YAN, SOSI YAN, KANTO BOY KA! ANG NIPIS NG LABI NYA... ANG KAPAL NG SA'YO!!!
TATUMPAPU

**SHOWCASE** of the most exclusive names in European treatment lines for beauty and wellness



**SKINCARE** booth for ladies

**MY** Beauty Hub at 6750 Ayala Avenue, Makati

PARFUMS SERGE LUTENS
my BEAUTY hub

**SERGE** Lutens fragrance bar

# Wellness and beauty haven

MY BEAUTY Hub beauty and skincare boutique recently opened at 6750 Ayala Avenue.

The store, which offers the most exclusive names in European treatment lines for beauty and wellness, had an "Alice in Wonderland" theme for its launching.

All the witty elements of Lewis Carroll's favorite fantasy—a mad-hatter's tea party, white rabbit with chain watch and whimsical decks of cards—gave guests clues on the best skincare, fragrance and grooming suited for their skin type.

The guests enjoyed personalized skincare consultations using a unique skin-analysis machine, as well as samples of premium products and treatments.

A concept originally developed in Singapore, My Beauty Hub was created to serve as a workshop venue, beauty school and training center all rolled into one.

The store's specially trained beauty consultants ensure that customers' needs are answered with the best combination of skincare, makeup and fragrances, all in the privacy and comfort of a wellness haven.

My Beauty Hub offers private pampering sessions for individuals or groups preparing for a big event (think bridal, prom or birthday parties). Make-up services for high-visibility corporate events as well as special-occasion makeovers are also available.

My Beauty Hub conducts workshops (minimum 5 and maximum 15 people) on skincare, makeup and men's grooming for all occasions. All My Beauty Hub services may be done inside the store or at the privacy of your own home.

My Beauty Hub carries women's luxury skincare brands like Carita of Paris, Shiseido, Phytomer and Vie; men's skincare brands Zirh, Shiseido Men, Nickel, Phytomer Homme; women's makeup brands Shiseido, By Terry, Fleurs, Pied Nus; and men's grooming brand Jean-Paul Gaultier Le Male.

Complementing these lines are 12 fragrances by beauty master Serge Lutens, namely, Douce Amere, Fleurs De Citronnier, Fleurs D' Oranger, A La Nut, Datura Noir, Sa Majeste La Rose, Ambre Sultan, Arabie, Clair De Musc, Un Bois Vanille, Santal Blanc and Daim Blond.

The ultra-luxe brands Carita and By Terry are exclusively available only at My Beauty Hub.

Hosting the event were Luxasia general manager Mia Nolasco-Cuenca and retail manager Sigrid Villamil alongside Luxasia's team of skin and beauty experts Donna Faylona, Vanessa Mayuga, Lee Roberto, Candy Lim, Samantha Yen and Liezl Legisma.

Seen partying at My Beauty Hub's "Mad Tea Party" were Eliza Romualdez-Valtos, Aimee Marcos, Liza Ilarde and Elbert Cuenca, Hermin Aslanian of L'Obelisk, Backstage Salon's Chi Chi Silverio, Vanessa Dulay, Gene Dy and Robin Magdangal, Mark Villar, ABS CBN's Popsie Elegir, Janine and Teddy Dario, hot couple Angela Romero-Salas and Raji Mata, DJ's Stevie Tambunting and Adrian Cuenca, Toni and Guy's Cai Balthazar, architect Gil Coscolluela, whiz photographer Steve Tirona, Anton Gonzales of Planet Sports, Paseo Uno Lounge Cherie Habayeb, Santi Picornell, Capone's Topsy Server, Sookie Chiongbian, Angela Reyes, Fran Ribano and Miguel Rosales.

Call 7527937.

**SKINCARE** consultations with Carito and Shiseido

# Simple ways to enhance your beauty

ABBYGALE Arenas-de Leon embodies the classic Filipina beauty. She represented the Philippines in the 1997 Ms. Universe Beauty Pageant. Now, she has become a much sought-after image expert and the spokesperson of Wacoal's The Perfect Fit campaign.

"We want women to be aware that by simply wearing brassieres that perfectly fit them, their level of comfort and confidence will improve," she says.

Another simple way of enhancing beauty is through makeup. Arenas-de Leon, who trained in the Hollywood Studio Makeup Academy and is certified in the advanced Airbrushing Makeup System, says, "Makeup not only highlights our features, it also gives us the confidence we need to face the world."

She offers some simple yet useful tips.

## Foundation

Arenas-de Leon has a basic rule: "If you have oily skin, use a cake foundation. It'll hold for the whole day. But if you have dry skin, use a cream or liquid foundation. It will keep your skin moisturized."

Also, "Choose a shade by testing on your jaw line. It should blend with the color of your cheeks and neck." And don't forget to put a little on your ears and neck for a more even look.

Whenever you touch your face, always use your beauty fingers (middle and ring fingers). "They give the pressure that's right for your face's delicate skin," says Arenas-de Leon. When applying foundation, follow the growth of your hair. Use upward strokes on your forehead, while downward strokes on your cheeks. It will look more natural and won't penetrate deep in the pores. Afterwards, apply powder for a smoother surface and better color application.

## Concealer

A concealer can be your second best friend by helping camouflage dark circles under the eyes and giving you a fresher look. Put some concealer on your eyelids as well, because they tend to be dark too. This will help bring out the color of your eye shadow.

## Eyebrow grooming

Well-groomed eyebrows make all the difference. It clears up the eye area, making you look more refreshed. There are different ways of trimming your eyebrow. Choose what best fits your budget and lifestyle. Shaving is cheap, painless and fast. However, hair grows quite fast. Tweezing is more manageable, but can be quite painful. Waxing can prevent growth, but trimming is abrupt and painful. Threading is less painful and trimming is gradual, but has to be done in a parlor.

For a natural look, "Don't use black for your eyebrows, even if you have black hair. Use dark charcoal or dark brown." If you're using a pencil, don't make hard lines. Stroke it with a brush, then gradually apply it to your eyebrows.

## Eye shadow

Applying eye shadow can be quite intimidating, but it's really easy. Just remember that dark colors can give depth while light shades do the opposite. "Experiment to know what fits your look," suggests Arenas-de Leon.

## Eyeliner

"Eyeliner helps define the eyes," according to Abby. To bring out the shape for your eyes, put dark eyeliner above your eyelashes and below the eyes. For "bigger" eyes, use white eyeliner under your eyes.

## Eyelashes

Eyelash curlers brighten the eyes. Asian eyelashes are shorter and tend to go downward, that's why it's better to buy an Asian brand curler because it is designed to reach shorter lashes.

Another interesting tip from Arenas-de Leon is to look at the rubber. "It should not have a groove in the middle. This can pull your eyelashes and give you an angle instead of a curl," she explains.

Curling should be done in steps. Start with the roots. Hold it for 8 to 10 seconds, then slowly move it upward. Do this until you reach the tip. This will give your eyelashes a lovely curl.

## Mascara

Mascara helps your eyelashes to appear full. Start from the roots, then use a zigzag motion up to the tips for an even coat. Hold your eyelid up while doing so. Don't forget to put mascara on your lower lashes, too.

## Blush-on

There's a new way of applying blush-on called the sun-kissed look. Simply give a big smile and then blush away! This natural look reproduces the rosy cheeks we get while under the sun.

## Lip liner

Young ladies don't need a lip liner. However, for mature ladies who want to define their lips, choose a shade that's close to your lipstick for a smoother blend.

## Glossy lips

Put a lip gloss over your lipstick for that shimmery look that's so in today.

## Powder

Use a blotting paper or apply powder to freshen up any time of the day.

## Other tips

Remove your makeup using a cold cream. This will soften the makeup and remove dirt from pores. Wash your face (again, using the beauty fingers), then tone and moisturize.

Makeup is already expired when it feels sensitive on the skin, cracks easily and smells different.

Wash your sponges at least once a week with facial wash or bath soap. Detergent may contain harmful chemicals that irritate your face. Clean your brushes once every two weeks, then lay on a dry towel. Don't soak or store them standing when still wet. This weakens the glue.

There are three basic looks: corporate, beauty and party. The corporate look is polished, simple, natural, while in the beauty look, makeup is obvious. The party look entails a complete make over.

Choosing the right undergarments is also key. "You should wear what fits your body. I believe that the more suited it is to your body, the better you feel, the better you perform," says Arenas-de Leon.

Coleman
Back to school is fun with these unbelievably tough jugs.
FREE! Superman Nametag
Other exciting designs are also available.
Promo period: May 20 to June 30, 2005 • Per DTI-NCR Permit Number 2835 Series of 2005

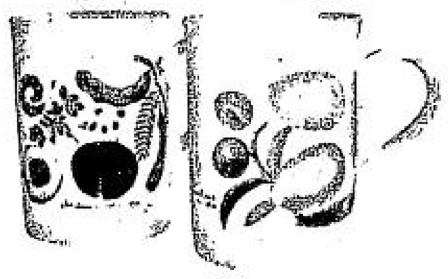
# Mid-year sale at Ayala Museum Shop

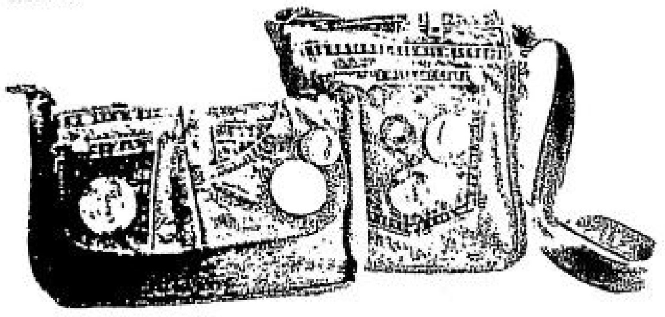
TREAT yourself and your friends to gift items exclusively available at the Ayala Museum Shop.

The Ayala Museum Shop will hold its mid-year sale on June 1-July 31. Avail of up to 30-percent discounts on Museum Shop products which are inspired by the Museum's special exhibitions and permanent collection.

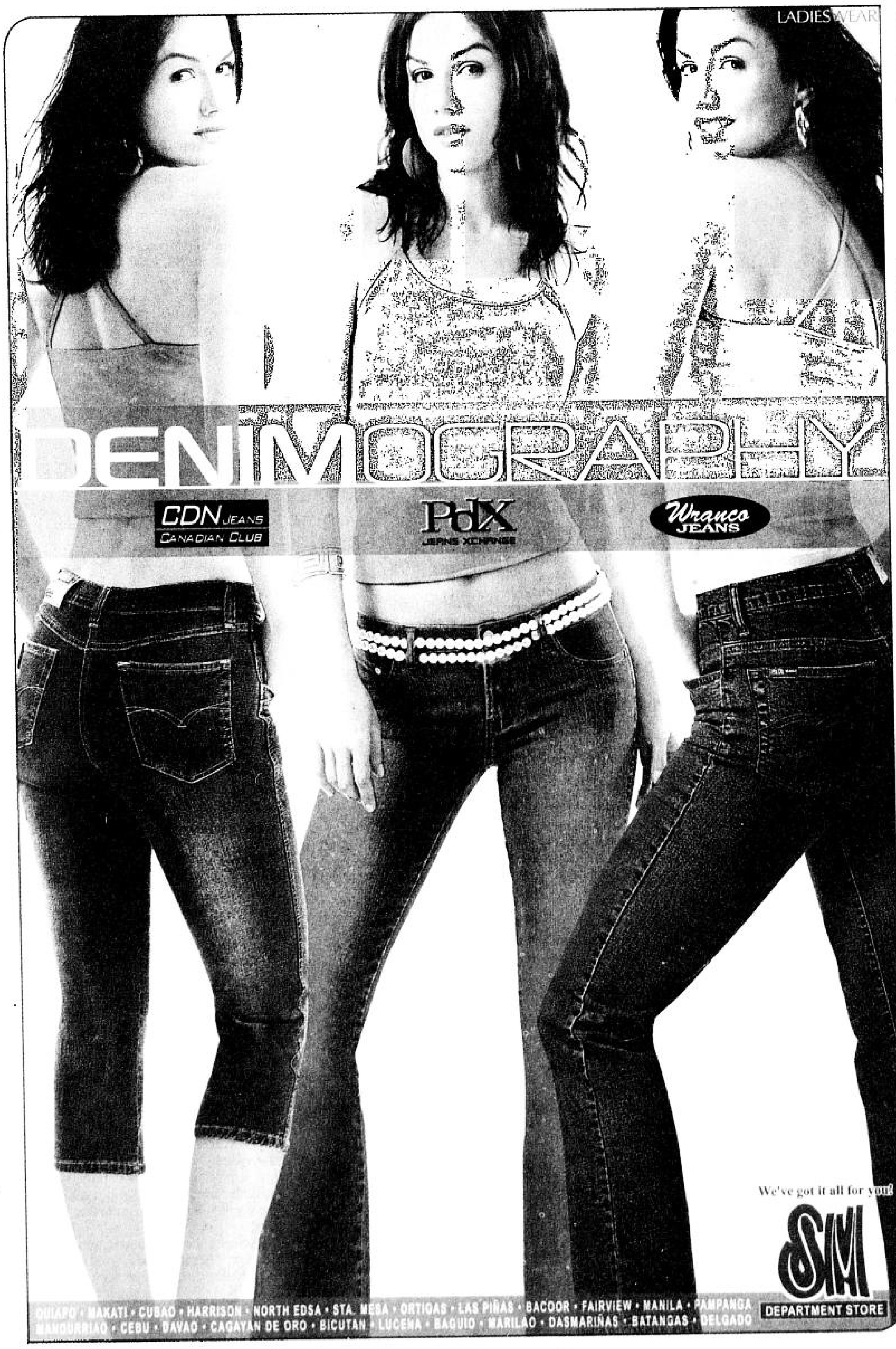
Available for sale are selected fashion accessories, paper products, home accessories and ceramic pieces featuring images of Fernando Amorsolo, Juan Luna, Fernando Zobel and the Damian Domingo Atelier. Also on sale are ties and notebooks featuring tribal ethnic prints of abstract animal figures in the *tinguian* fabric and geometric forms in Mandaya weave. One may also find Jose Honorato Lozano's fruit images on coffee mugs, aprons, coasters and mittens at reasonable discounted prices.

The Museum Shop is located at the Ayala Museum, Makati Ave. cor. De la Rosa Street, Greenbelt Park, Makati City. The Museum Shop is open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Call 7577117 local 32.





**FASHION** and home accessories are some of the items on sale at the Ayala Museum Shop.



LADIES WEAR
DENIMOGRAPHY
CDN JEANS CANADIAN CLUB
PdX JEANS XCHANGE
Wrangco JEANS
We've got it all for you!
SM DEPARTMENT STORE
QUIAPO • MAKATI • CUBAO • HARRISON • NORTH EDSA • STA. MESA • ORTIGAS • LAS PIÑAS • BACOOR • FAIRVIEW • MANILA • PAMPANGA
MANDURRIAO • CEBU • DAVAO • CAGAYAN DE ORO • BICUTAN • LUCENA • BAGUIO • MARILAO • DASMARIÑAS • BATANGAS • DELGADO

# Kiwanis induction today

**THE KIWANIS Club of Balintawak** holds its charter presentation and induction tonight at 6 at the Rainforest Windmill at South Triangle in Quezon City. Rene Cremen leads the induction as president. Others are: Edna de la Fuente, 1st vice president; Pinky Fernandez, 2nd vice president; Elaine Flores, secretary; Mayette Apolto, treasurer and Mitzi Busmente, PRO. Directors: Jojo Cantor, Tonton Tugelida, Cyrus Santiago, Mely Vizcarra, Gilbert Magbitang, Dante Sayco. Call 4486842.

## GOINGS ON

**FESTIVAL.** Makati celebrates its 335th foundation day with Tibok Sining sa Reposo, a street festival featuring arts, design and cuisine, today until May 29.

**CONCERT.** Paco Park Presents features pianist Ann Baraquio tonight at 6. Admission is free.

**FESTIVAL.** SM City Lucena celebrates its Pasayahan 2005 Festival with a street dancing competition today, 8 a.m., followed by the Grand Pasayahan Parade. The winner of the Best in Float competition will be awarded P100,000 at the open parking area of SM City Lucena.

**FORUM.** The Communication Foundation for Asia invites everyone to its Solid Waste Management Forum today, 3-6 p.m., at CFA Auditorium, 4427 Interior Old Sta. Mesa, Manila. Call 7132732/ 7147233/ 7132981.

**SHOW.** The Music Museum presents "Nina Just Wanna Have Fun" today and tomorrow. Some of the country's top fashion designers, photographers and digital artists will be exhibiting their creations at the lobby prior to the show. Call 5338153/ 7180945.

**KIDS' ACTIVITY.** Join Spongebob Square Pants and the rest of the gang from Bikini Bottom as they make a splash tomorrow at the 2/L, Activity hub of Starmall Las Piñas. Get a chance to have your picture taken with the Nickelodeon characters and bring home prizes and giveaways. Admission is free.

**SEMINAR.** CFS Continental Technology is offering the following seminars: Time Management (May 28, 9 a.m.-12 nn); Handling Stress and Pressure at Work (May 28, 1-5 p.m.); Developing Excellent Business Communication Skills (June 11, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.); Effective Supervisory Skills (June 18, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.). Call 8697960/ 8232358/ 8234825.

**BALLET.** Concert at the Park presents the Ana Emata School of Classical Ballet on May 29, 6 p.m., at Rizal Park open-air auditorium, Manila. Admission is free.

**BAZAAR.** Shop @ Le Pavillion bazaar will be held tomorrow and on May 29, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., at Le Pavillion, Metropolitan Park, Roxas Blvd., Manila.

**CONCERT.** Accomplished music teachers Lesley Faye Bello Verayo (piano and voice), Baby Samonte (voice, piano and organ) and Candy Alviar (violin) have banded together to bring "Tiklado, Tinig at Kwerdas" Summer Recital on June 5, 2 p.m., at the Sta. Isabel College Recital Hall, Taft Ave., Manila. Featuring sounds from the Classical, Romantic, Baroque, Contemporary and Pop genres, kids of ages 4-15 demonstrate their exceptional musical prowess in piano, voice and violin. Recitalists include Kirby Asunto, Raine Bello, Claudine Cruz, Jessica Lara, Hannah Lee, Joshua Marco, Kyla Mina, Maribeth de Perio, Jay Sacaben, Raisa Santiago, Claudia Tagle, Vincenzo Tagle, Vittorio, Denise Tan, Sam Veloso, Toni Veloso, Jolo Verayo, and Jason Verayo. For inquiries, e-mail sowela_atrskul@yahoo.com.

**CONGRESS.** The Center for Learning and Teaching Styles Philippines will hold National Teachers Congress on May 29-31 at Teacher's Camp, Baguio City. The conference bids to empower educators with the knowledge to enhance a child's multiple intelligence through creative teaching strategies. Call 7428877 to 78.

**WORKSHOP.** MB&G/ProActive is now accepting reservations for Managing a Restaurant/Canteen seminar-workshop on May 30-June 3, 1-5 p.m. Call 6871787/ 0915-4315375.

**BOOK FAIR.** Care Center for Early Learning will hold a book fair on June 3, 4 and 5 at 28 Ricardo St., Carmel I Subd., Project 6, QC. Call 9284847/ 0916-6171976.

**MODEL SEARCH.** The grand coronation night of Star Model Quest 2005 will be held on June 4, 6 p.m. at 4/L, Trade Hall, Metropolis Star Alabang, Muntinlupa. Admission is free.

**COMPETITION.** Professional baristi are invited to compete in the Philippine Barista Cup 2005 at the 3rd Coffee, Tea and Specialty Beverage Trade Show on July 7-9 at Megatrade Hall 1, 5/L, Megamall B. Registration forms are available at Primetrade Asia Inc., 5/F, Accelerando Bldg., 395 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Bel-Air, Makati. Deadline for submission of entries is on June 10. Call 8960682/ 8960661.

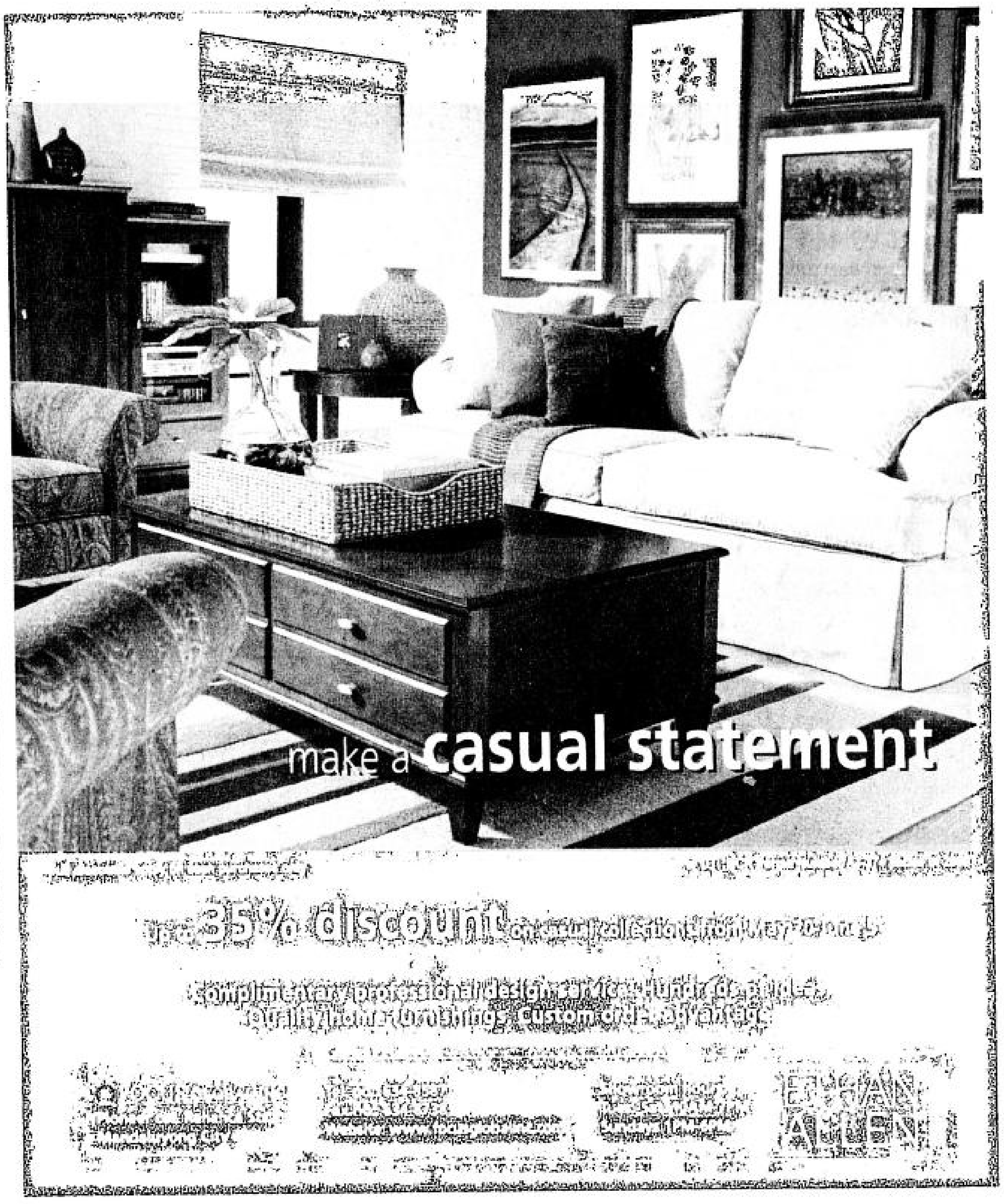
**WORKSHOP.** The Center for Human Research and Development Foundation Inc. and Association of Booksellers for the Academe and the Professions are holding a seminar-workshop on Abstracting and Indexing Made Easy on July 13-14 at the Philippine Business for Social Progress, PBSP Building, Real cor. Magallanes Streets, Intramuros, Manila. Call 9279858.

# LIFESTYLE

For feedback, e-mail us at lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph

**Text us your feedback:** inquirer life name/age/city/message to 2207 (Globe) or 283 (Smart)

THE AUTHOR'S new hairstyle by Louis Philippe Kee



# Pampering worthy of a queen

MAKEOVE 911

*Kinny Salas*

AFTER subjecting my hair to so much abuse while frolicking on the beach, I finally had to face the consequences back home. My hair was a mess of tangles and fried strands with a cheap-looking brassy color.

Scheduled to leave the next day to represent the INQUIRER in an event in Hong Kong, I accepted an invitation from Salon de Ken and was reunited with Louis Philippe Kee, who now works there.

## The hair

Louis' trademark is turning what people consider liabilities into assets. He cuts your hair and puts highlights strategically to frame your face. Never was I so glad to have a square jaw and fine, limp, thin hair.

Women, who I thought had close-to-perfect hair and facial bone-structure, told me afterwards they loved my new hair. They expressed regret they would not be able to opt for the same cut because their hair was too thick and the style and color would overpower their tiny oval faces.

There were even some who asked about jaw and cheekbone implants—how's that for looking great? When women start wishing they have your facial "imperfections," then your look is definitely working.

Louis kept my hair long as I requested and gave me the lightest and brightest highlights that actually went great with my new tan. It would take six months before I get back my old light skintone and three months before I have to retouch my hair highlights.

The new color will leave me worry-free for at least three months. My plan is to go for different highlights when I return to the salon so there will be no hassle when my skin color reverts to my usual. Shiela, my colorist, worked under Louis' close supervision.

**Unique hair treatment.** Instead of the usual hot oil, I was made to try a special treatment called Ionic Reconstructive Hair for my crispy, sun-damaged locks. It was applied on hair and then spread with a hair iron so that the silicon capsules in the treatment will shatter and coat every strand of hair, infusing it with nourishment which is then sealed in to smooth out the hair follicle, giving a soft feel and shiny appearance.

The salon also performed the other services I wanted to try. I ended up staying for six and a half hours.

**Unwanted hair.** I opted for eyebrow, underarm and full bikini waxing with Ella, who has the gift for giving eyebrows that elegant arch. Her Brazilian bikini wax is fast and painless as well.

## Massage

Chinese foot reflexology by Jovy has to be experienced. The technique doesn't just involve your feet and toes but also massages your calves. If you tend to have problems of swelling in these areas, you will find blood circulation is much improved and your calves are slimmer after the procedure.

This is perfect for those who are always on their feet or love to wear high heels. Guaranteed to erase those aches and pains.

Nelson was in charge of my hot oil treatment and scalp, shoulder and back massage. I discovered kinks in areas I never thought existed in my body. It was especially painful at the lower back and hip area. Nelson said this was due to sitting too long with an awkward posture.

The massages are perfect for husbands and boyfriends waiting for their partners in the salon.

**Nails.** Anna cut and filed my nails to a flattering square and suggested a sheer nude shade instead of my usual deep red to highlight my tan. She knew what she was doing, all right. I have temporarily ditched my reds and bought sheer nudes.

Accompanying photos are by Louis Philippe Kee using my camera phone. Take note that in both before and after photos, I have no makeup at all except for face powder and lip balm. If you like what you see, the credit belongs to the hair.

*Salon de Ken is at G/F Glass Tower Building C, Palanca St., Legazpi Village, Makati. Call 8481886 or 8928352.*

*E-mail the author at kinnysalas@yahoo.com*

**BEFORE: Her hair was a mess of tangles and fried strands with a cheap-looking brassy color.**

---

WACOAL NEWS

Wacoal

# Girdles And Shape Pants For All-Over Support

Many of us only wear our basic bra and panty undergarments. This is reasonable, if you just wear them with a T-shirt and jeans/cotton slacks ensemble. But for outfits that reveal more of your figure, you need something else.

## Girdle is the way to go!

Once we are over the age of twenty, we need to be aware of the importance of undergarments. We should always consider the situation we'll be in and the activities we'll be doing. Our undergarments should help us to maintain and flaunt our feminine figure. The girdle is an essential undergarment for this purpose. It helps create the ideal silhouette from the waist to the hips, stomach and thigh.

## You can look fat, even if you are thin!

Even thin people must watch their figures, because all our bodies change as we get older. We feel anxious about our major problem areas, which are usually the stomach, waist and hips. Almost half of us women will experience pouchy stomachs in our late 30's. This number will increase to over 90% when we reach our 40's. The only way to slow down this undesirable aging effect is to exercise and to wear bottom-supporting foundation garments.

## The girdle provides support where you want it.

Thanks to innovative fabrics and patterns, today's girdles are better than those produced in the past. Today, girdles are comfortable and available in various designs. There are girdles made especially for the hip and stomach. There are also girdles that trim the waist and have an optimum effect on both the stomach and hip. Furthermore, there is the type that is neither a girdle nor a panty, but something in between.

## Choose according to strength and wearability.

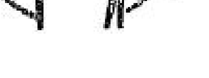
To a certain degree, you can choose the level of comfort and strength of girdle. Make sure that you consider your body type and preferences in buying your girdle.

1. **Soft-Type** – As the name indicates, this is a soft and light support girdle that is comfortable to wear. It provides minimal corrective strength.
2. **Medium-Type** – This girdle falls between the strong and light strength girdles, and is advised for daily wear. This type boasts of moderate support strength while still allowing you to enjoy a comfortable feel.
3. **Firm-Type** – This girdle strongly supports the figure and should be used by those looking for proportional correction. Its strength is reinforced with high-tension and over-layered fabrics. Just remember that if you wear this girdle, it should not feel excessively tight.

## Maybe you don't see it, but others do!

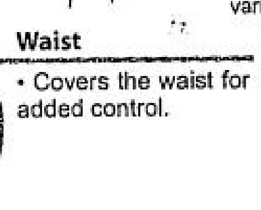
The shape of your hips determines slacks and skirt silhouettes. And though you can't see your hips, they are very apparent to those who look at you. It is said that your age is reflected in your hip area. So, the way your hip looks says a lot about you! Although women's physical stature and shape may vary, a well-fitted girdle will help you show off your figure and create a youthful, attractive appearance.

## Support where you want it!



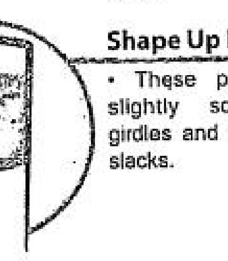
**Tummy**

- Designed with a diamond-cut pattern in front to maximize full-strength on the tummy



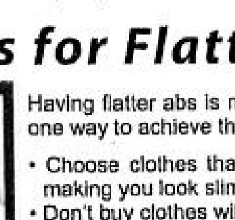
**Hip**

- Natural hip boosting effects are possible by using high-tension fabrics in the hip area, slanting the fabrics along the hip and other various measures.



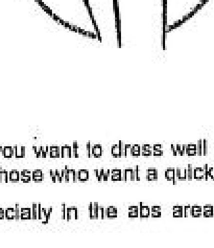
**Thigh**

- A long girdle that extends to cover the thighs. It has a maximizing effect by creating a clean hip-line.



**Waist**

- Covers the waist for added control.



**Shape Up Pants**

- These panties are slightly softer than girdles and worn under slacks.

# Fitting Tips for Flatter Abs!

by Abbygale Arenas - de Leon

Abbygale Arenas - de Leon
Beauty Queen and Image Expert.

Having flatter abs is not just a fad. It is essential if you want to dress well and feel good about your looks. Of course, one way to achieve this is through exercise. But for those who want a quick fix, I have some simple tips for you.

- Choose clothes that have dark solid colors, especially in the abs area. This will camouflage your bulging areas, making you look slimmer.
- Don't buy clothes with wide, horizontal, light colored stripes. This will make you look wider.
- Clothes smaller than your actual size will not only make you feel uncomfortable, it will emphasize the bulges you want to hide.
- To create an illusion of a slender waist, choose clothes with a tapered cut in the stomach area.
- Wearing shoulder pads can create an illusion of a more slender waist because it makes your shoulder seem broader.
- Having good posture really makes a big difference. Even if you have a slim waist, your unwanted bulges will show if your posture is bad.
- Fit before buying. Don't rely on sizes. This way, you'll actually see if the clothes really suit your body.

Last, but certainly not the least, wearing undergarments that fit you perfectly can instantly improve your body's proportion and appearance. A brassiere that fits you properly can give your bust the lift it needs to create an illusion of a narrower waist. Wearing a girdle that's right for your body type can also give you an appropriately proportioned body, including a slimmer waist.

The key is wearing undergarments that perfectly fit your body and your needs. This is so important that I joined Wacoal in their campaign, The Perfect Fit, to promote this enlightening fact. As Wacoal's spokesperson, I learned that the various styles of their brassieres and girdles are not just fashionable. Each style is intended to address a specific purpose that will enhance your appearance and level of comfort. Try to visit any Wacoal outlet and have your measurements taken by our experts. It will help you to choose the right underwear that emphasizes your assets. Just a simple measuring and fitting can do wonders... for your abs and your figure.

CUSTOMER SERVICE HOTLINE **Tel No.: 884-1517 • Email: philwacoal@skylnet.net**

# Out of the dark and into the light

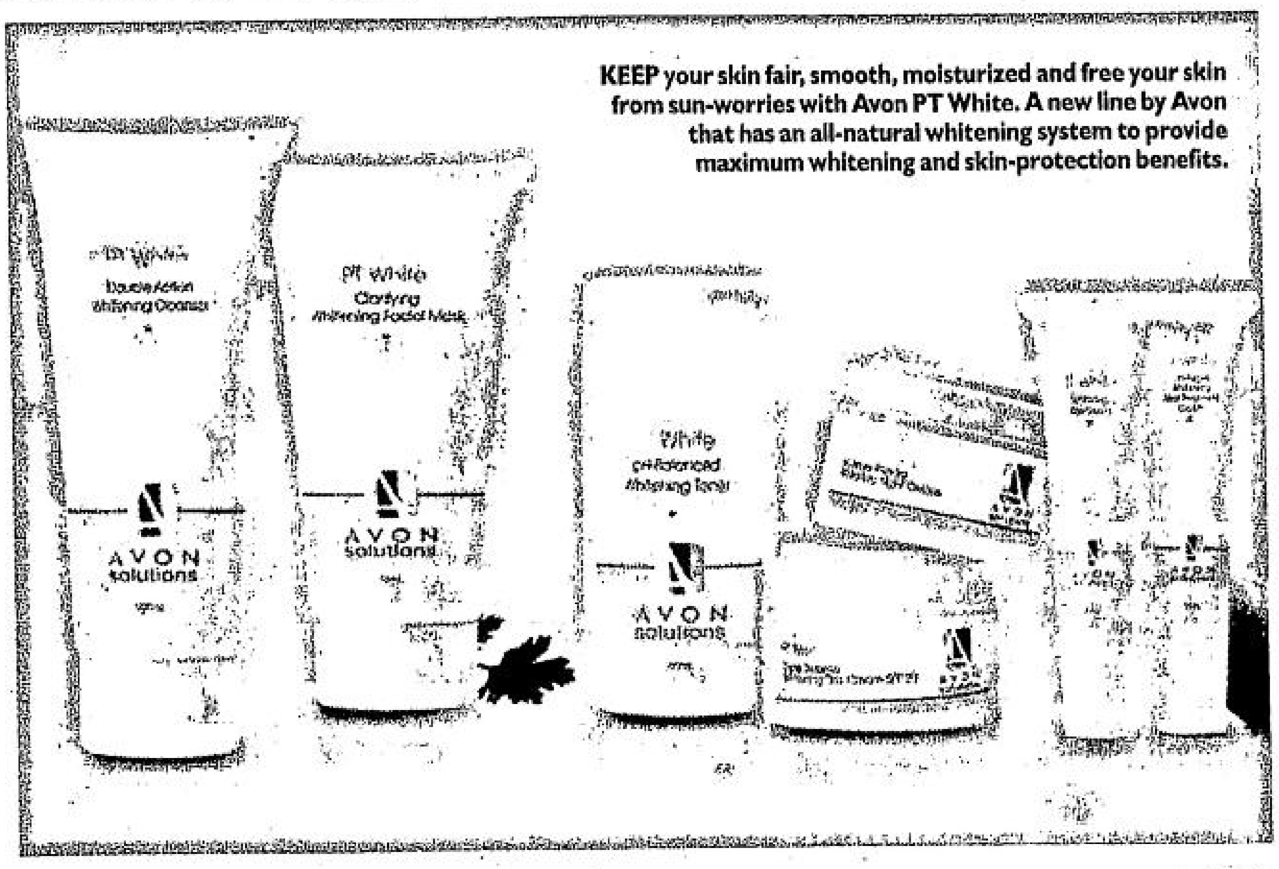
KEEP your skin fair, smooth and moisturized with Avon PT White. Avon PT White Triple Defense Day Cream has a breakthrough formula that not only whitens but also firms and lifts skin in just seven days.

The product contains effective whitening ingredients like Ascorbyl Glucoside which whitens skin and protects it from skin damaging free radicals; a complex of Yeast Extract and Hydrolized Wheat Protein, which makes skin smoother and firmer; Green Tea, which helps protect skin with its antioxidant properties; and Eucalyptus Extract, which helps improve skin's whitening ability by naturally inhibiting skin pigmentation. As a plus, Avon PT White also has SPF 20 to shield your face from the sun's harmful UV rays.

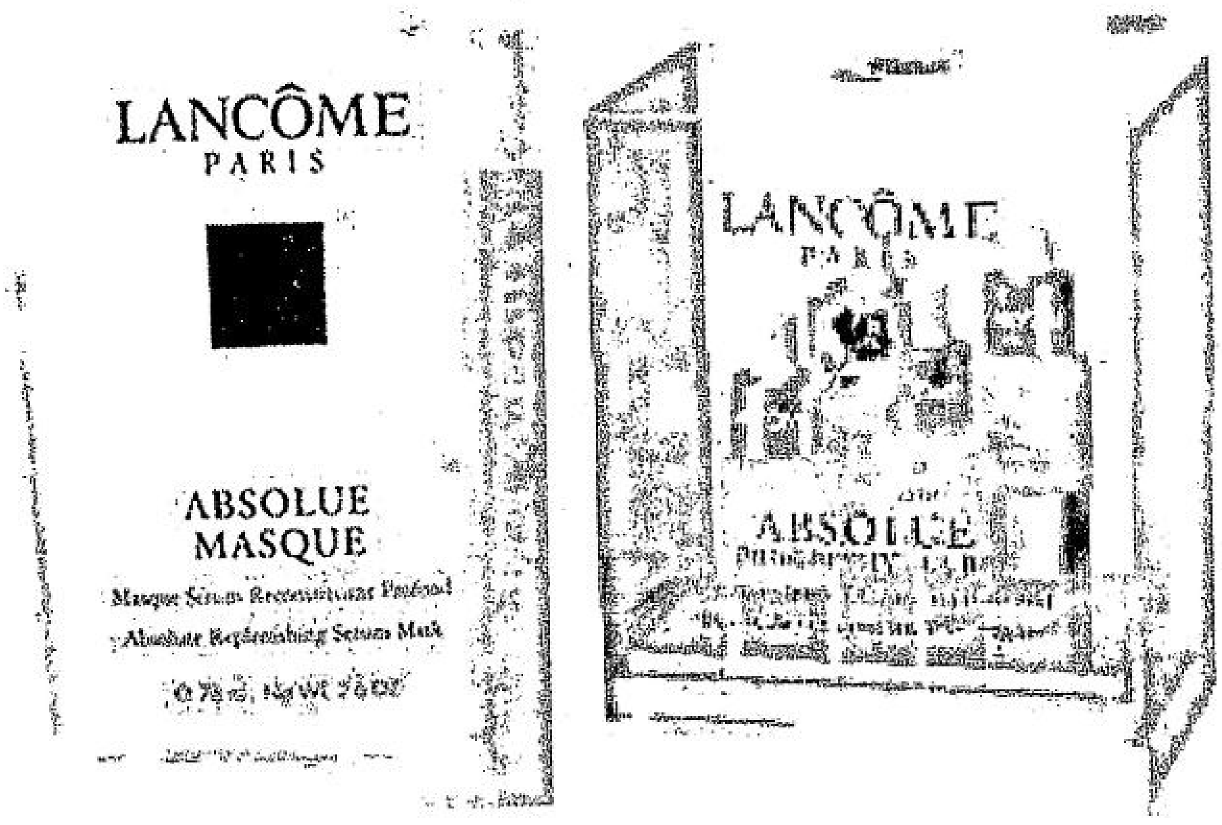
Based on research, 99 percent of women rated the product as very effective in lightening the skin. Majority of users also raved about the product's effective lifting and firming benefits.

Avon PT White Triple Defense Day Cream is part of the Avon PT White all-natural whitening system to provide maximum whitening and skin-protection benefits. The line also includes Avon PT White Double Action Whitening Cleanser, Avon PT White pH Balanced Whitening Toner, Avon PT White Moisture Restore Whitening Night Cream, Avon PT White Clarifying Whitening Facial Mask, Avon PT White Whitening Eye Cream and Avon PT White On-Target Whitening Spot Treatment.

Get Avon PT White from Avon Ladies nationwide or Avon boutiques in Glorietta, SM Megamall, SM Southmall and SM Fairview. Call 8642900.


PT White
Double Action Whitening Cleanser
AVON solutions
PT White
Clarifying Whitening Facial Mask
AVON solutions
White
pH Balanced Whitening Toner
AVON solutions

**KEEP your skin fair, smooth, moisturized and free your skin from sun-worries with Avon PT White. A new line by Avon that has an all-natural whitening system to provide maximum whitening and skin-protection benefits.**


LANCÔME
PARIS
ABSOLUE
MASQUE
Masque Sérum Reconstituant Profond
Absolute Replenishing Serum Mask
LANCÔME
PARIS
ABSOLUE

**ABSOLUTE CARE**
**Lancôme offers the best in skincare with its Absolue line. Absolue Cure contains natural ingredients like wild yam, soya and sea algae that deeply replenish and reactivate skin. Absolue Mask has natural extracts of wild yam, soy and brown algae. Mother of pearl is added to provide skin radiance. Available at Rustan's Makati, Shangri-La Plaza and Alabang.**

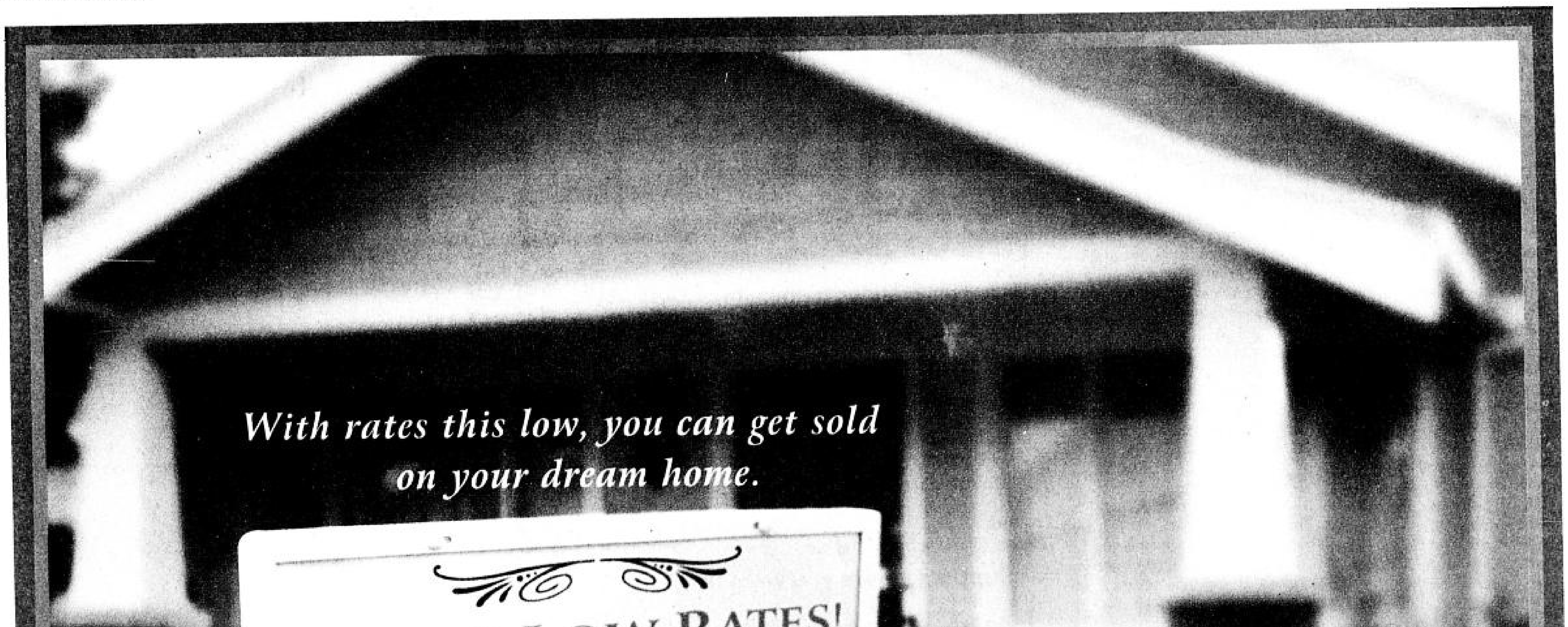
## *New facial wash gel*

LOUIS Widmer facial wash gel is an intensive cleanser which refreshes and purifies normal and combination skin. It also has anti-bacterial properties which help prevent acne.

The facial wash gel has panthenol which provides a soothing effect and allantoin to moisturize skin.

The product doesn't contain preservatives or colorants that might irritate skin. Distributed by Zuellig Pharma and marketed by Pharmalink.

Louis Widmer
Facial Wash Gel
Non-scented
Intensive cleanser
Refreshing and purifying
Normal and combination skin
Louis Widmer
non scented
Gel Nettoyant Visage
Rafraîchissant et purifiant
Peau normale et mixte
Wasch Gel


With rates this low, you can get sold on your dream home.
SUPER LOW RATES!
9.08% p.a. 1 year fixed
10.88% p.a. 3 years fixed
12.88% p.a. 5 years fixed
Free P10,000 Shopping Privilege

Get a Home Loan from Robinsons Bank at incredibly low rates and get P10,000 worth of gift certificates!

Yes, you can have the home of your dreams at a price your budget can afford. Robinsons Bank offers very low rate options you can initially fix for one, three or five years. Plus, you get a bonus of gift certificates worth P10,000 you can use to shop at R Abenson, Handyman or Robinsons Department Store. Apply for a Robinsons Bank Home Loan now!

MECHANICS: The Home Loan application should be received and availed/booked within the promo period from May 1 to July 31,2005. Those applications received during the promo period but availed/booked within 20 days after the end of the promo period still qualify.

- Minimum Loan Amount : P1,000,000
- Guaranteed repricing rate equivalent to NO MORE THAN 360 Day T-Bill plus 3% at time of repricing. After the rate fixing period, the loan will be repriced annually
- Monthly repayment mode
- Loan Purpose: Purchase of lot, house & lot, townhouse or condominium
- Eligible properties: Prime properties located where we have Robinsons Bank Branches, subject to collateral eligibility requirements
- Subject to acceptance and final evaluation based on Robinsons Bank's credit policies and guidelines

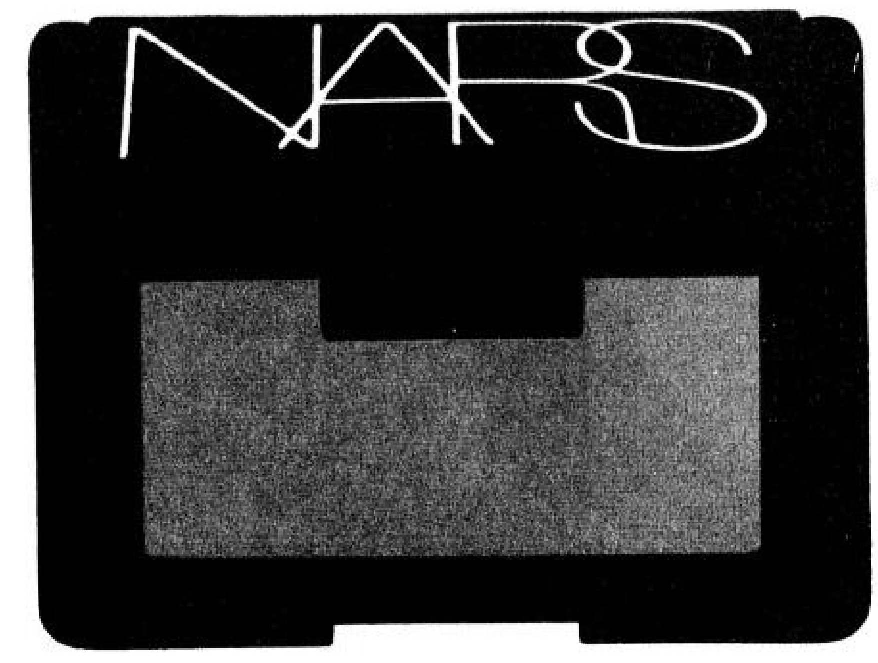
Visit any of Robinsons Bank's branches nationwide or call the Customer Care Hotline 631-8888 for Metro Manila or 1-800-10-631-8888 toll free for provincial-based clients (Mondays thru Sundays 9AM to 9PM). See brochures for promo details.

RobinsonsBank
A Savings Bank
Where Your Hard Earned Money Grows.

A JG Summit Company

Member: Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation. Deposits insured up to P250,000.
Per DTI NCR Permit No. 2357, Series of 2005

# Be glam anytime, anywhere



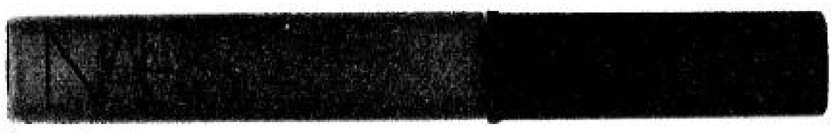
TAOS blush

NARS make-up and lifestyle products provide the must-have travel essentials to look and stay great looking all day and all night without having to carry your caboodle of make-up with you.

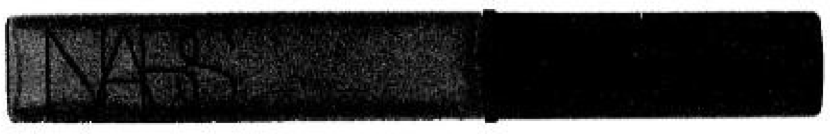
NARS' The Multiple cream-to-powder formulation can be worn on the eyes, cheeks and lips. NARS Cream Blush, a moisture-rich cream finish formula provides a smooth and silky color for naturally luminous skin. It gives a long-lasting color with a velvety texture that blends easily for healthy glowing skin. To add some shine, apply NARS Lip gloss. This can be worn alone or over any lipstick.

On the other hand, NARS' Hand Wipes, made of extracts of soap berry and aloe, leave your hands feeling cleansed. With its active phytoseed complex combined with peach and white lily extracts, hands remain soft, hydrated, and moisturized.

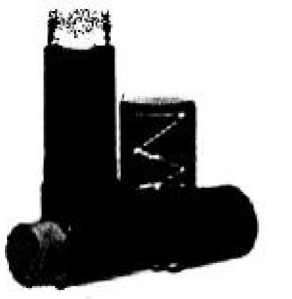
NARS is available at Rustan's Essenses in Rustan's Makati, Shangri-La Tower Edsa and Alabang Town Center.



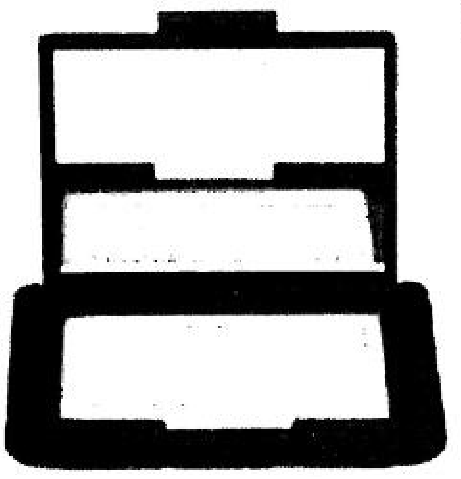
Pampa lip gloss



DIRTY Shame lip gloss



MULTIPLE



NARS blush

# New makeup colors for the modern woman

ELIZABETH Arden reminds us that makeup plays an essential part in the way one expresses herself. The way a woman's face is made up should always be in a color palette that she is comfortable with and should always be in sync with her mood, her clothes and her personal style and tastes.

So with its new Color Intrigue Eye and Cheek Collection, Elizabeth Arden comes up with three distinct looks to suit the modern woman—Casual and Chic, Polished and Urban Chic. With formulas that combine high tech translucent emollients and silicone with real silk, the new line boasts a smooth application and streak-resistant colors. The collection is also vitamin-enriched and offers an anti-oxidant shield, keeping your complexion fresh and dewy while protecting it from environmental stress all day.

It is a fascinating new line that will appeal to every woman. Women like artist Sandra Gfeller, architect Anna Sy and working mother Raya Roa-Gonzales.

For Sandra Gfeller, the natural, soft, summery look with light, peachy pink hues are without a doubt perfect for the artists' simple, no-nonsense yet timeless style and laid back personality.

And as Elizabeth Arden's beauty expert, top makeup artist and beauty columnist, Chechel Joson, works her magic, Sandra's beautiful features are emphasized. To brighten Sandra's eyes, Chechel applies Sparkle, Aura, Topaz and Umber 08 from the line's eye shadow collection. As for her cheeks, Peach Sorbet was dusted lightly to give her a natural flush and bring out her cheekbones while Cabana, from the Color Intrigue Lipstick Collection, topped off the look to achieve luscious-looking lips.

Being involved in a demanding work, Anna Sy brings out a refined aura to her persona—a match to the polished look of the collection.

For Anna, Chechel begins with a light silvery shade across her eyelids. She then applies a fluorescent Moonbeam white across the brow bone and blend in smoky gray into the crease of the lid to add depth and definition. For her cheeks, SugarPlum was used to emphasize her cheeks.

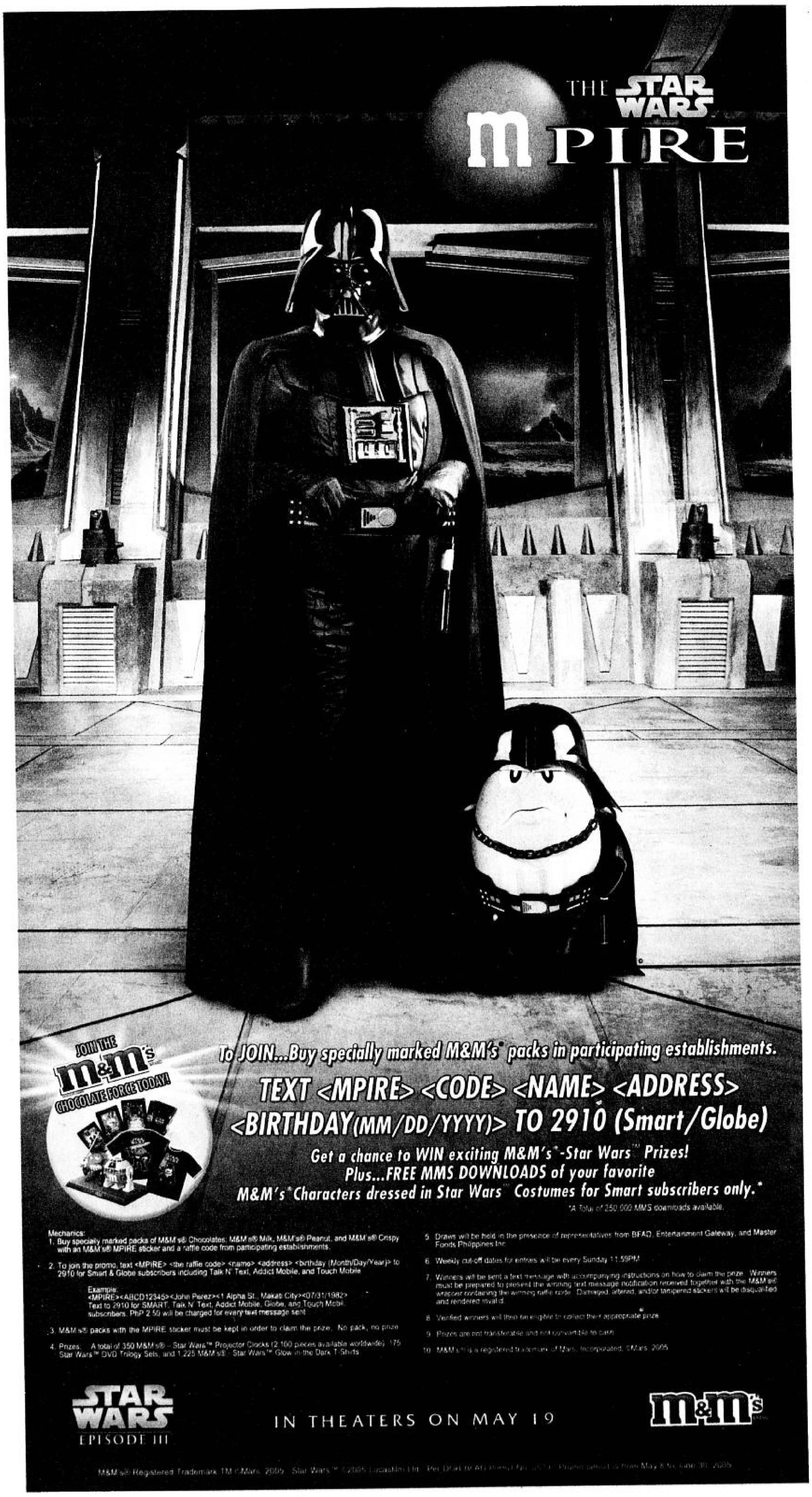
Raya Roa-Gonzales' hectic, on-the-go lifestyle reflects her fashion sense.

For Raya, Chechel starts with green shade over the eyelid, adding a bit of dark brown on the crease of the lid. A buttery Vanilla color is blended to brighten her eyes. As a final accent, the lower lid is colored with the same green shade used on the eyelid. For her cheeks, Sunblush is applied to add a pinkish glow to her whole face.

So, who says you can't pull off your personal style, have fun and look good? From high profile career women to domestic divas, Elizabeth Arden creatively proves the contrary.

Elizabeth Arden's Color Intrigue Color Collection is exclusively distributed by Rustan Marketing Corporation in Rustan's Makati, Alabang, Shangri-La Plaza, Harrison Plaza and Cebu; and SM Makati, Megamall and North Edsa.

**ARCHITECT Anna Sy embodies Elizabeth Arden's distinguished and polished woman.**



To JOIN...Buy specially marked M&M's® packs in participating establishments.

TEXT <MPIRE> <CODE> <NAME> <ADDRESS> <BIRTHDAY(MM/DD/YYYY)> TO 2910 (Smart/Globe)

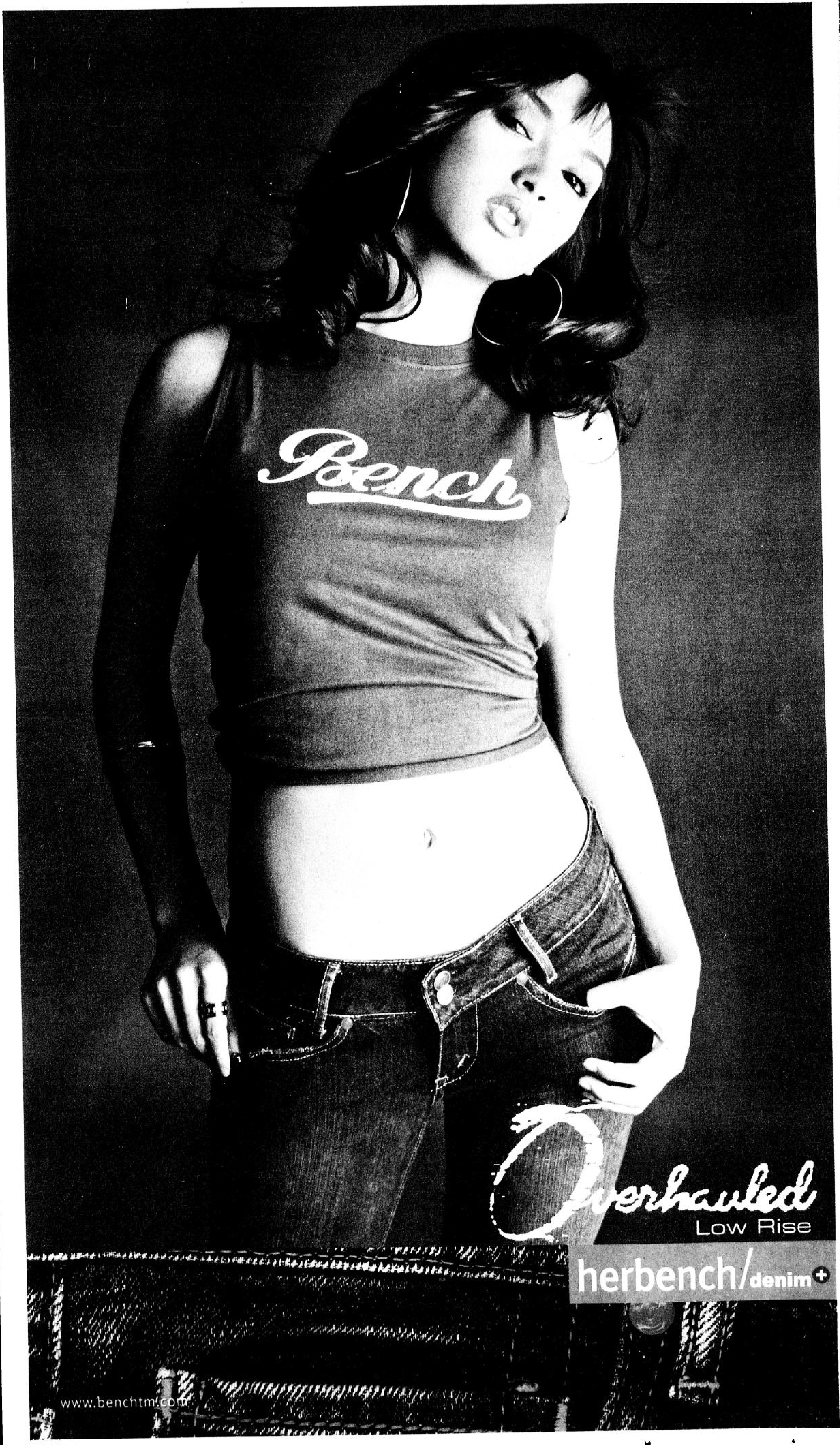
Get a chance to WIN exciting M&M's®-Star Wars™ Prizes!
Plus...FREE MMS DOWNLOADS of your favorite
M&M's® Characters dressed in Star Wars™ Costumes for Smart subscribers only.*

*A Total of 250,000 MMS downloads available.

Mechanics:
1. Buy specially marked packs of M&M's® Chocolates: M&M's® Milk, M&M's® Peanut, and M&M's® Crispy with an M&M's® MPIRE sticker and a raffle code from participating establishments.
2. To join the promo, text <MPIRE> <the raffle code> <name> <address> <birthday (Month/Day/Year)> to 2910 for Smart & Globe subscribers including Talk N' Text, Addict Mobile, and Touch Mobile.
Example:
<MPIRE><ABCD12345><John Perez><1 Alpha St., Makati City><07/31/1982>
Text to 2910 for SMART, Talk N' Text, Addict Mobile, Globe, and Touch Mobile subscribers. PhP 2.50 will be charged for every text message sent.
3. M&M's® packs with the MPIRE sticker must be kept in order to claim the prize. No pack, no prize.
4. Prizes: A total of 350 M&M's® – Star Wars™ Projector Clocks (2,100 pieces available worldwide), 175 Star Wars™ DVD Trilogy Sets, and 1,225 M&M's® - Star Wars™ Glow-in-the Dark T-Shirts.
5. Draws will be held in the presence of representatives from BFAD, Entertainment Gateway, and Master Foods Philippines Inc.
6. Weekly cut-off dates for entries will be every Sunday 11:59PM.
7. Winners will be sent a text message with accompanying instructions on how to claim the prize. Winners must be prepared to present the winning text message notification received together with the M&M's® wrapper containing the winning raffle code. Damaged, altered, and/or tampered stickers will be disqualified and rendered invalid.
8. Verified winners will then be eligible to collect their appropriate prize.
9. Prizes are not transferable and not convertible to cash.
10. M&M's® is a registered trademark of Mars, Incorporated, ©Mars 2005.

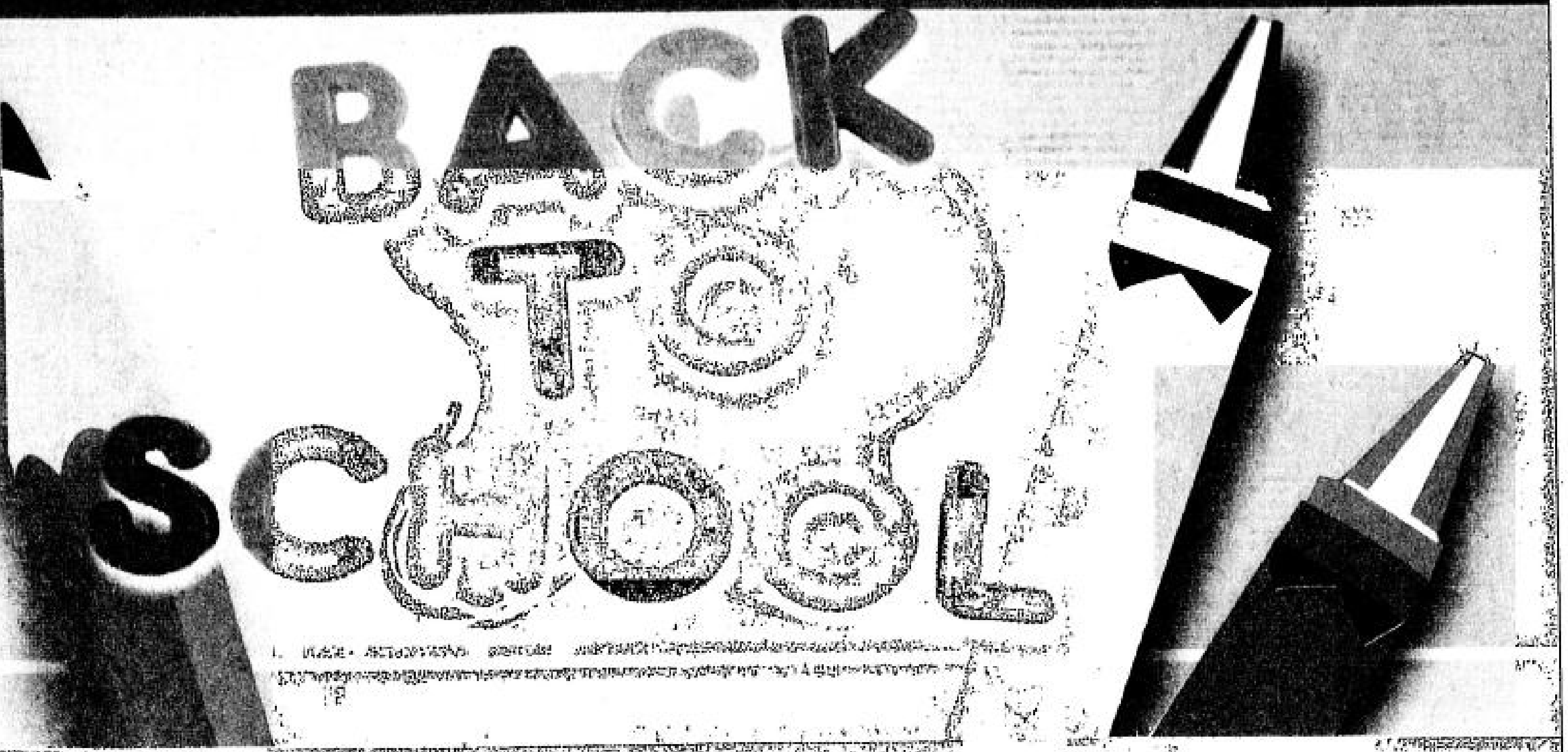
IN THEATERS ON MAY 19

M&M's® Registered Trademark TM ©Mars, 2005 · Star Wars™ ©2005 Lucasfilm Ltd. · Per DTI [illegible] from May 8 to June 30, 2005

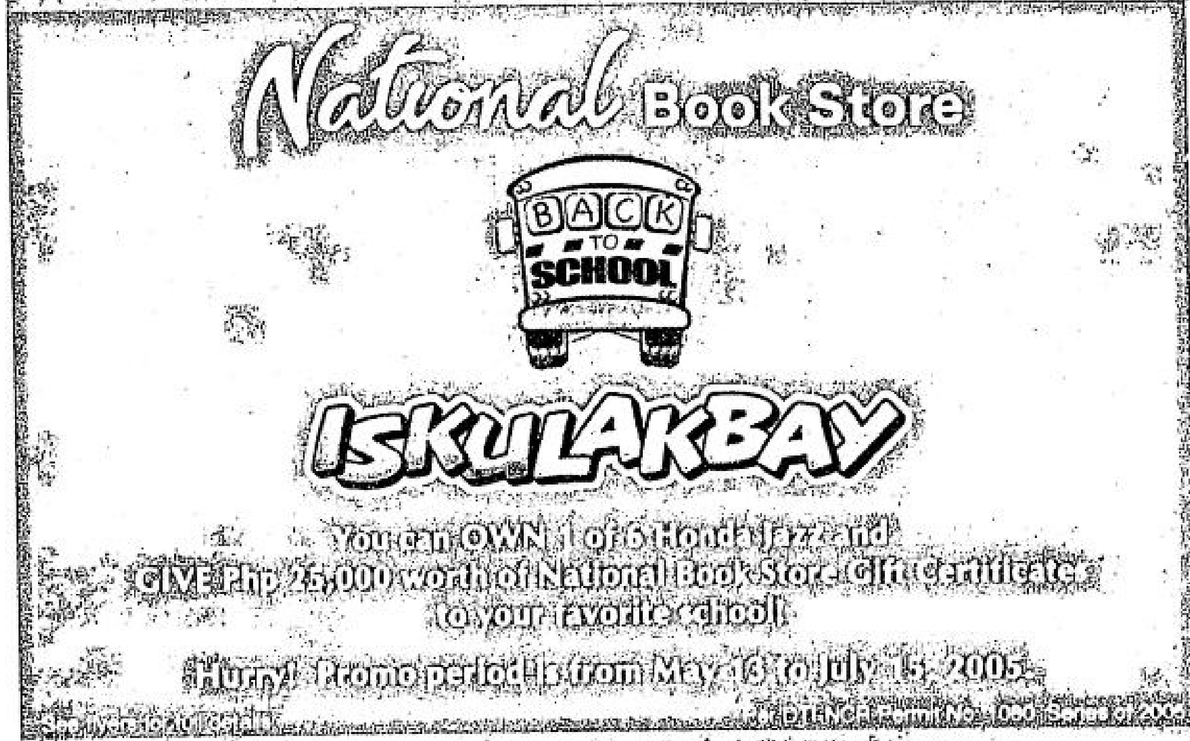

Bench
Overhauled
Low Rise
herbench/denim+
www.benchtm.com

# SM SUPERMALLS

## BACK TO SCHOOL



*Choose the best for knowledge and fun!*



National Book Store

BACK TO SCHOOL

ISKULAKBAY

You can OWN 1 of 6 Honda Jazz and
GIVE Php 25,000 worth of National Book Store Gift Certificate
to your favorite school!

Hurry! Promo period is from May 13 to July 15, 2005.

DTI-NCR Permit No. 1060 Series of 200

**NATIONAL BOOKSTORE**

**ST. PAULS**

**YOUR OWN ART**

POWERBOOKS
SPECIALTY STORE

NICHOLAS SPARKS
The Godfather Returns
MARK WINEGARDNER
Life of Pi
Confessions of a Shopaholic

Hurry ....... limited stocks only!!!

S.O.S. Save on Surplus

May 27, 28 & 29

## BACK TO SCHOOL CRAZE

*New Arrival*

Pentium II - 400 Mhz with 15" Monitor Keyboard & Mouse — FOR AS LOW AS P5,990

Pentium II - 350 Mhz with 15" Monitor Keyboard & Mouse — FOR AS LOW AS P5,490

***Retailer of Imported Surplus Items:*** *computers, computer peripherals, softwares, hardwares, spareparts, telecoms, audio/video, home appliances, home and office equipments plus a lot more!*

S.O.S **Save on Surplus** S.O.S

Practicality, Affordability & Value

Over 37 Stores Nationwide & Still Growing!!

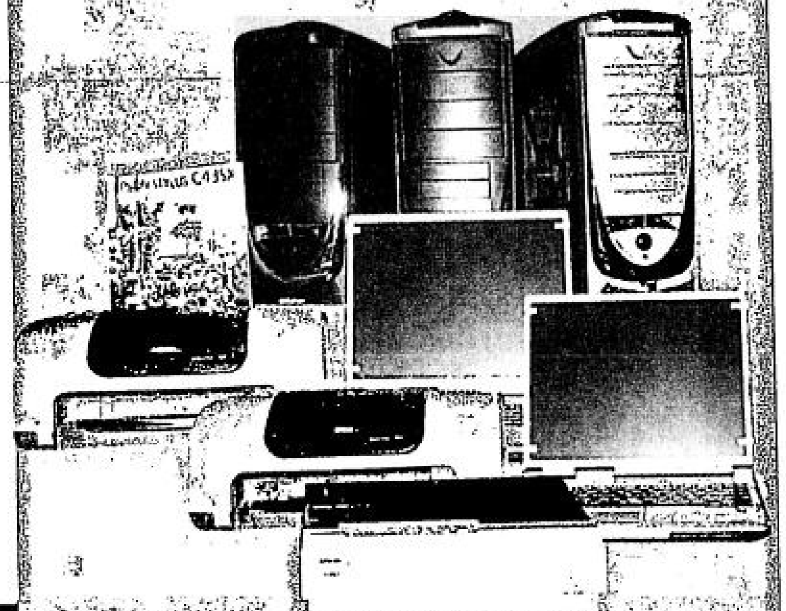
2004 National Consumers Quality Awardee As Top Commodity Store

2003 National Consumers Quality Awardee As Top Commodity Store

SM

| | |
|---|---|
| Fairview | (02) 936-8452 |
| Manila | (02) 400-5636 |
| Megamall | (02) 637-4177 |
| North Edsa | (02) 926-4797 |
| Sta. Mesa | (02) 716-2688 |
| Southmall | (02) 806-2336 |
| Bacoor | (046) 417-5854 |
| Dasmariñas | (046) 973-2144 |
| Marilao | (02) 299-6836 |
| Pampanga | (045) 963-7689 |

Franchise Hotline No. (02) 870 6636 Email ad: sos@hmigroup.com



**STAR APPLE II**

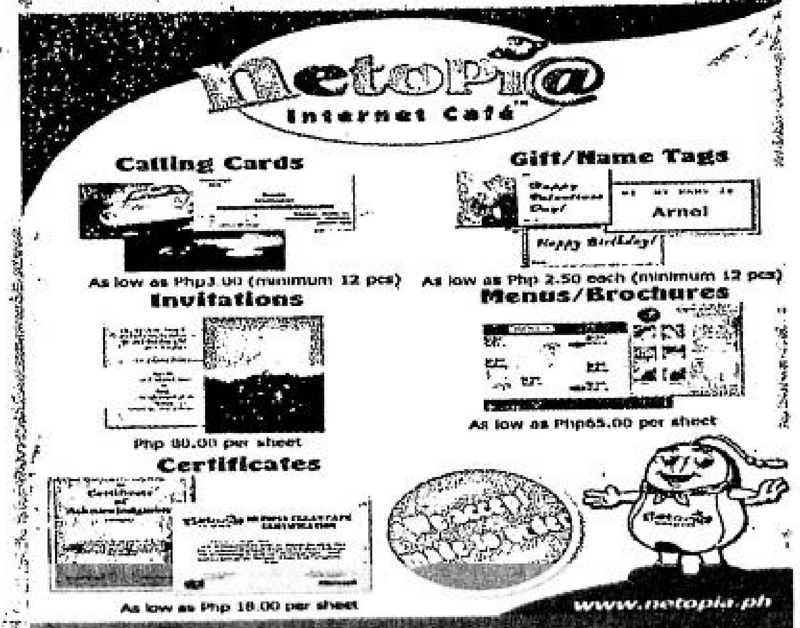
**POWERBOOKS**

SILICON VALLEY
CITIBANK
0 INTEREST

**SILICON VALLEY**

Xda II mini
Xda II mini

**X-SITE INTERNET CENTER**



netopi@ Internet Café™

**Calling Cards**
As low as Php3.00 (minimum 12 pcs)

**Gift/Name Tags**
As low as Php 2.50 each (minimum 12 pcs)

Happy Valentines Day!
Arnol
Happy Birthday!

**Invitations**
Php 80.00 per sheet

**Menus/Brochures**
As low as Php65.00 per sheet

**Certificates**
As low as Php 18.00 per sheet

www.netopia.ph

**NETOPIA**

BIG PRINTS while you wait!!

call us @:
MICROCADD SM NORTH
926-3286 / 926-3298

**MICROCADD**

**PC CORNER**

PC Domain
2nd Level, SM City Fairview
Tel. 937-62-24 / 937-62-29

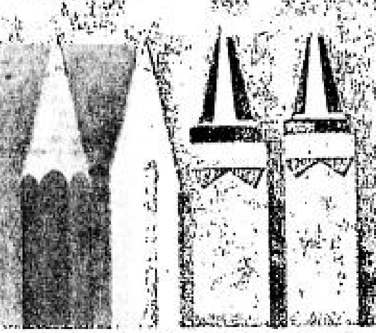
| | |
|---|---|
| Celeron 1.8 Ghz | 14,950 |
| Celeron 2.0 Ghz | 17,450 |
| Pentium 4 - 2.26 Ghz | 19,550 |
| Pentium 4 - 2.4A Ghz | 22,500 |
| Pentium 4 - 2.26 Ghz | 23,750 |
| Pentium 4 - 2.4A Ghz | 25,500 |
| Pentium 4 - 2.8A Ghz | 31,400 |
| Pentium 4 - 3.2E Ghz | 39,500 |

**PC DOMAIN**

TCA
THE COMPUTER AUTHORITY

**THE COMPUTER AUTHORITY**

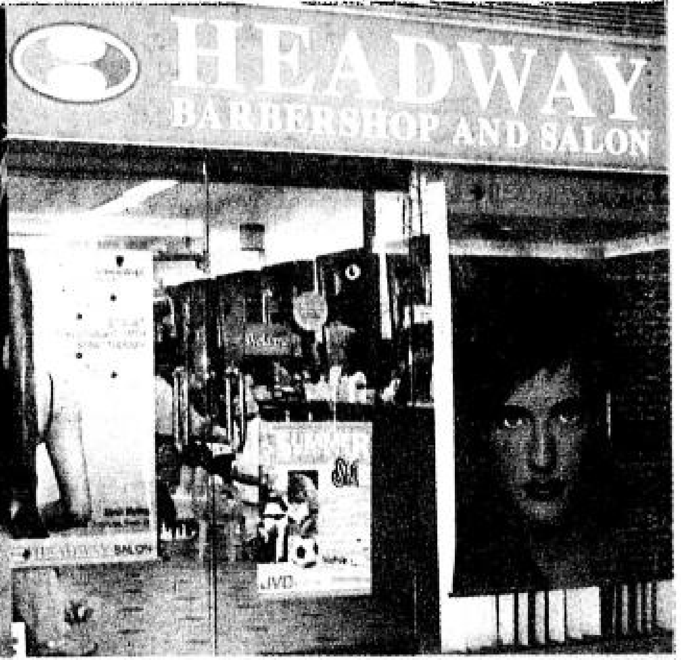
SM SUPERMALLS



# student essentials

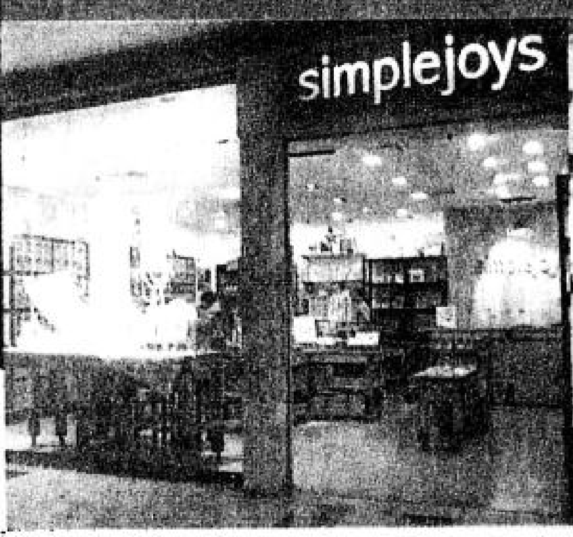
## Grooming for school opening

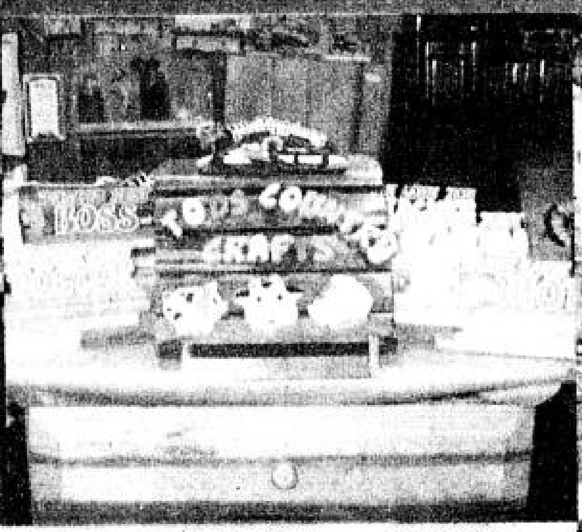
**FiX**
**bench salon**
FOR MEN AND WOMEN


HEADWAY
BARBERSHOP AND SALON

**FIX BENCH SALON**

## Cool stuff for your room


simplejoys



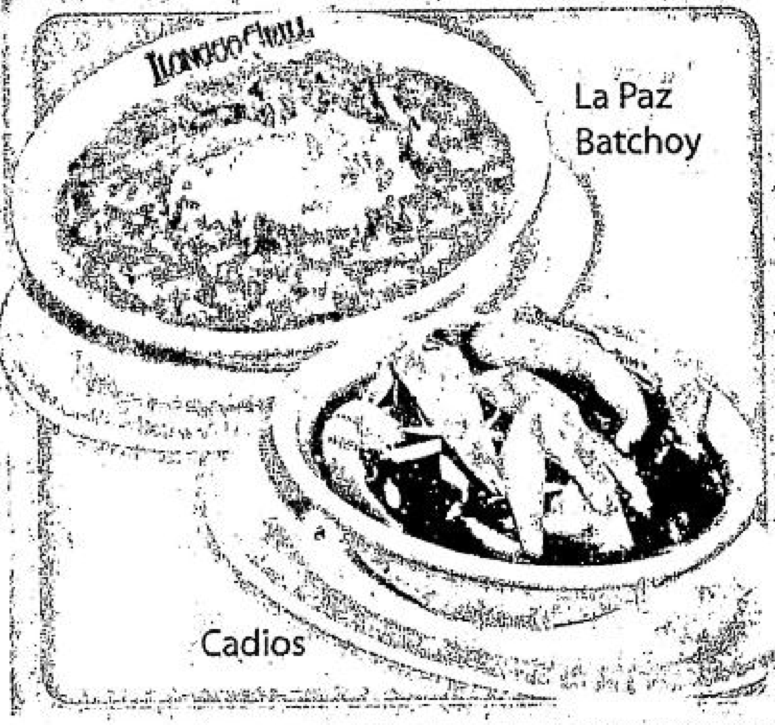
The Custom Clay Shop

**FOREVER FLAWLESS** **SIMPLE JOYS** [illegible] **TODS** **THE CUSTOM CLAY SHOP**

## Breaktime fun and yummy treats

SM FOODCOURT

Goto Special


La Paz Batchoy
Cadios
ILONGGO GRILL

Pork BBQ

**GOTO KING** **ILONGGO GRILL** **REYES BARBEQUE**

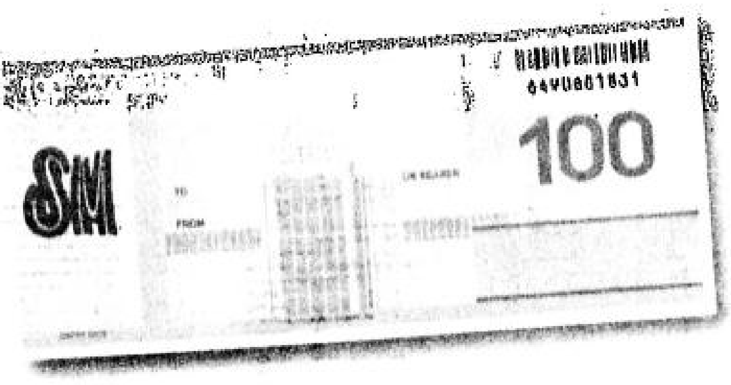
Grilled Chicken

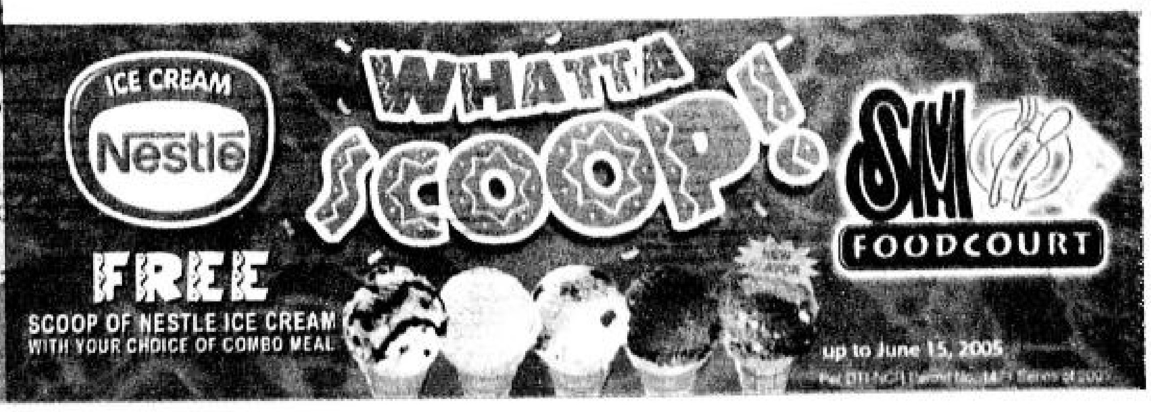
Chicken BBQ Meal

**TEPPAN SIZZLERS** **FLAMING HOT**

*SM GIFT CERTIFICATES ALSO ACCEPTED AT:*

SM FOODCOURT




ICE CREAM
Nestlé
WHATTA SCOOP!
SM FOODCOURT

FREE
SCOOP OF NESTLE ICE CREAM
WITH YOUR CHOICE OF COMBO MEAL

up to June 15, 2005

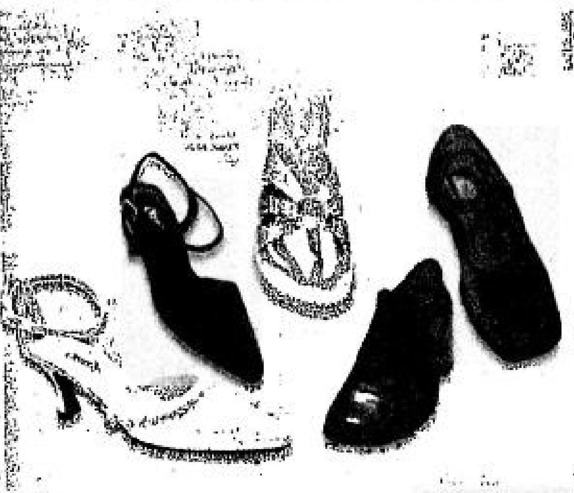
**SM SUPERMALLS**

# A+ Fashions

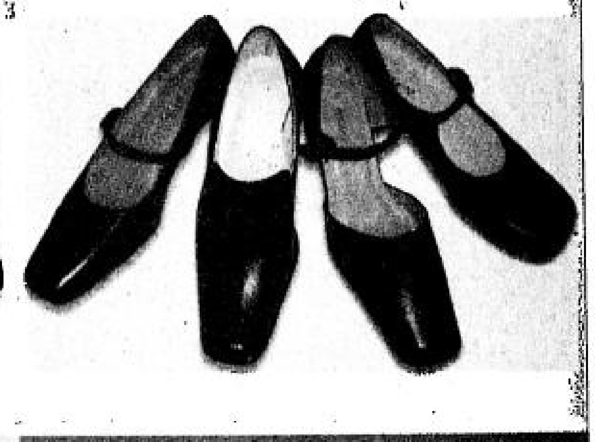
## Bags and shoes for your school style

**VIA VENETTO**

**OUR TRIBE**



**OHRELLE**



**MANELS**

MAPHISTO

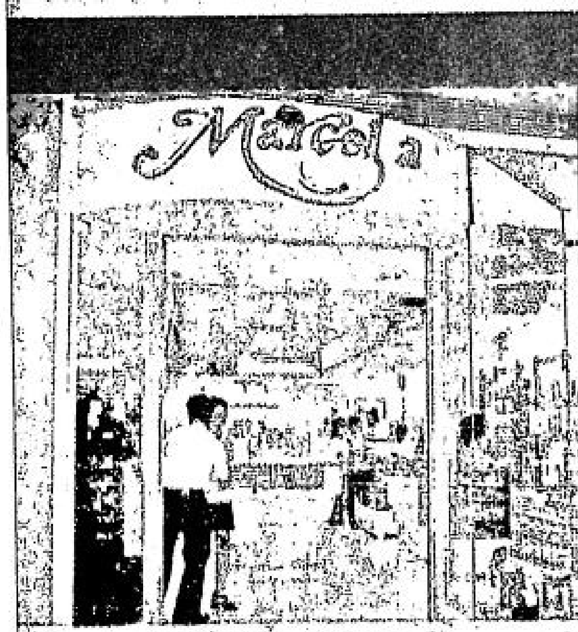
**MAPHISTO**

RUSTY LOPEZ
shoes for all walks of life

**RUSTY LOPEZ**

**THE TRAVEL CLUB**

## Look your best and top the whole class!

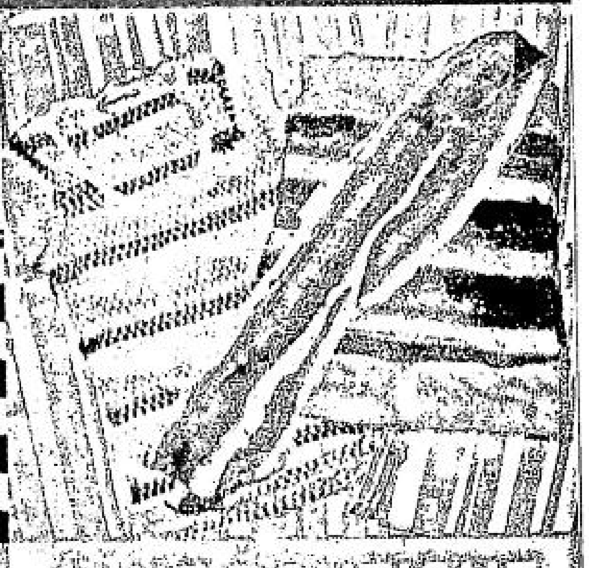


**MARCELLA**

**MALDITA**

MARKS & SPENCER

**MARKS & SPENCER**



**MINT BOUTIQUE**

Proline
PE
Physical
fitness
time!

**PROLINE**

www.milk-co.com

Milk & Co.

SO YOU THINK YOU'RE SHARP ENOUGH? YOU BELIEVE YOU GOT GAME?

TOBY'S AND1

MAD RANGE SHOOTOUT 2

Then this is your ticket to fame. Assert your right to the throne. P100,000 in cold cash awaits the country's sharpest shooter.

PROMO PERIOD: MAY 21 - JULY 29, 2005
SEE POSTERS FOR DETAILS

PROMO MECHANICS

1. This is open to all basketball enthusiasts, male or female. Professional and amateur basketball players who have played or are currently playing in the PBA, NCAA, UAAP, MBA or PBL are not eligible to join the competition.
2. Every P800 single receipt purchase of Toby's items or P400 single receipt purchase of AND1 products from Toby's Sports entitles the customer to one (1) entry form. If the customer uses the Globe G cash transaction, the customer will be entitled to one (1) additional entry form.
All purchases must be made from May 21 - July 29, 2005.
3. Fill out the entry form with your complete name, age, gender, address, telephone/ cellphone numbers, proof of purchase, branch, date and affix signature.
4. Present your filled-up entry form to the authorized Toby's representative in the Mad Range Shootout event in order to join any of the Qualifying Rounds listed below.

SCHEDULE OF QUALIFYING ROUNDS:

May 26 (Thursday), 10am-6pm, SM North Edsa
June 25 (Saturday), 10am- 6pm, SM Pampanga
July 2 (Saturday), 10am- 6pm, SM North Edsa
July 29 (Friday), 10am-6pm, SM Manila

FINAL ROUND:

August 13, Saturday, SM Megamall, 10am to 6pm

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF SHOOTOUT ENTRIES FOR THE LAST QUALIFYING ROUND IS UNTIL 2PM AT THE VENUE.

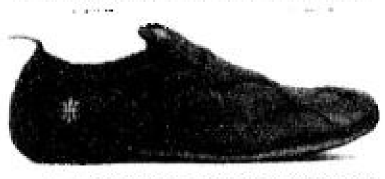
WWW.TOBYS.COM
Per DTI NCR Permit No. 1310 series of 2005

SM SUPERMALLS
porter
Gerflor
TARAFLEX
EPSON

**TOBY'S**

OLYMPIC VILLAGE

ROYAL ELASTICS ICON
BEFORE: P2,895
NOW: P1,795



ROYAL ELASTICS LAGEON
BEFORE: P4,185
NOW: P2,495

**OLYMPIC VILLAGE**

RbK

The Answer 8

**REEBOK**

11-3-2-M

SM
SUPERMALLS
AFTER-SCHOOL
fun!

entertainment
The Megastrip
PRESENTS
Velcro
Orange and Lemons
SM
MEGAMALL
ORTIGAS
May 28 Saturday 8pm
Megastrip Bldg. B

entertainment
this week
LIVE
VIVA RECORDS CORP.
Presents
Jaya
SM SOUTHMALL
LAS PIÑAS
SM City
STA. MESA
May 28 • Saturday •
Centermall
SM Southmall
May 29 • Sunday •
SM City Sta. Mesa

MILO SUMMER SPORTS CLINICS
Enroll your kid now!
Maria Carmela Gracia R. Suarez, 10
Philippine Bowling Congress,
2003 (First Runner Up)
MILO
SM BOWLING CENTER
10% OFF

MILO and the
Philippine Olympic Committee
are building champions for the future.
And the MILO Summer Sports Clinics
is one hot breeding ground.
*Be part of it. Who knows, you may
one day be the country's next bet
in the SEA Games and the Olympics.
Gold and glory can start this summer.*

For more information call:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Megamall | 633-7051 | North EDSA | 929-3330 |
| Fairview | 939-5025 | Cebu | 232-0295 |

# GLIDE FOR A CRUISE

SM
ICE SKATING
R·I·N·K

*Join Now!*

Get a chance to experience a Singapore-Malaysian cruise for 4, with every purchase of 2 Unlimited Icetime Tickets or upon enrollment on Ice Skating Lessons.

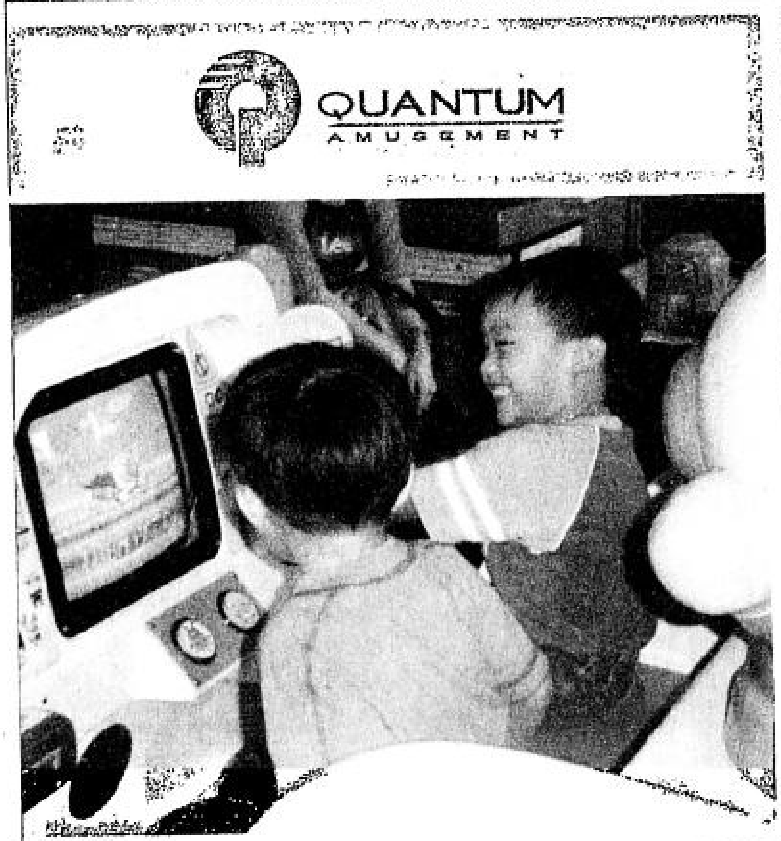
* Airfare from and to the Philippines are not included

STAR CRUISES
The Leading Cruise Line In Asia-Pacific

See poster mechanics for details

Start gliding from April 1 to June 15, 2005!

Per DTI-NCR Permit #1673 Series of 2005


QUANTUM
AMUSEMENT

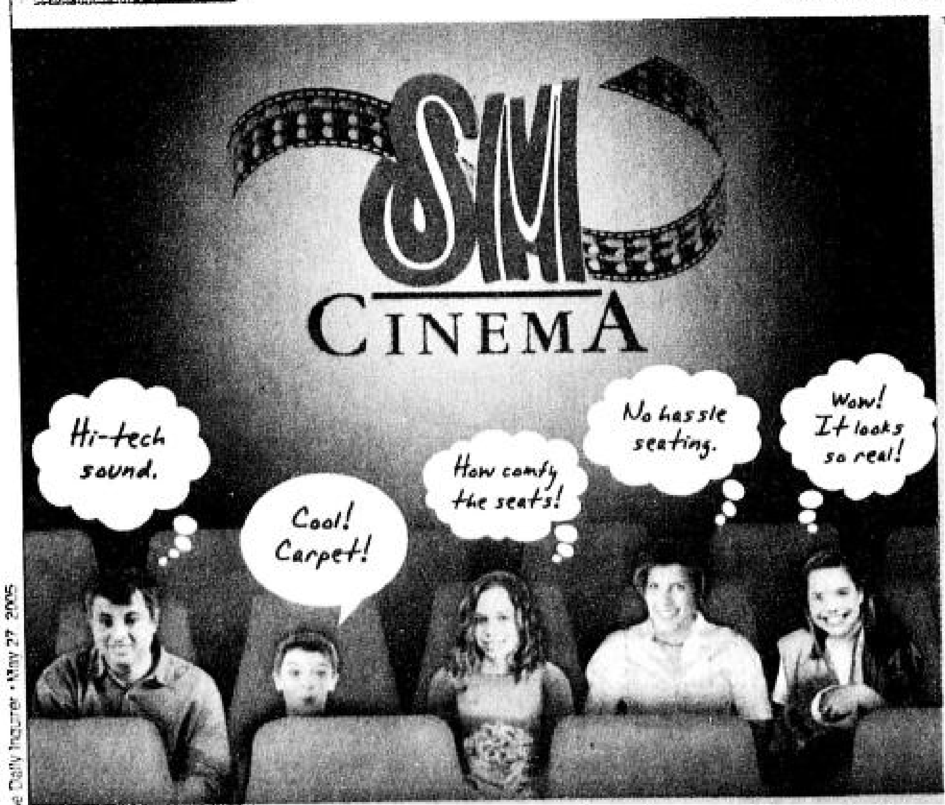
## It's Funtime At Storyland

New surprises & exciting rides!

Storyland
IAAPA
MEMBER

Be dazzled by the twinkling lights and wonderful sounds. Be thrilled with the exciting honks and trailblazing speed. Have fun with the different rides we offer. Laughter and joy we bring to kids and kids at heart. Be fascinated with the magical atmosphere SM Storyland brings!

SM CEBU (032) 231-3592
SM CITY ILOILO (033) 320-9601
SM CITY BATANGAS (043) 722-2441
SM SOUTHMALL LAS PIÑAS 800-0614
SM CITY FAIRVIEW 936-0508
Visit our website at www.storyland.com.ph
Open Mondays to Sundays


SM
CINEMA
Hi-tech sound.
Cool! Carpet!
How comfy the seats!
No hassle seating.
Wow! It looks so real!

**We invite you to SM Premiere Cinemas.**

**Guaranteed seating.**

**Bright new screens.**

**Digital acoustic sounds,**

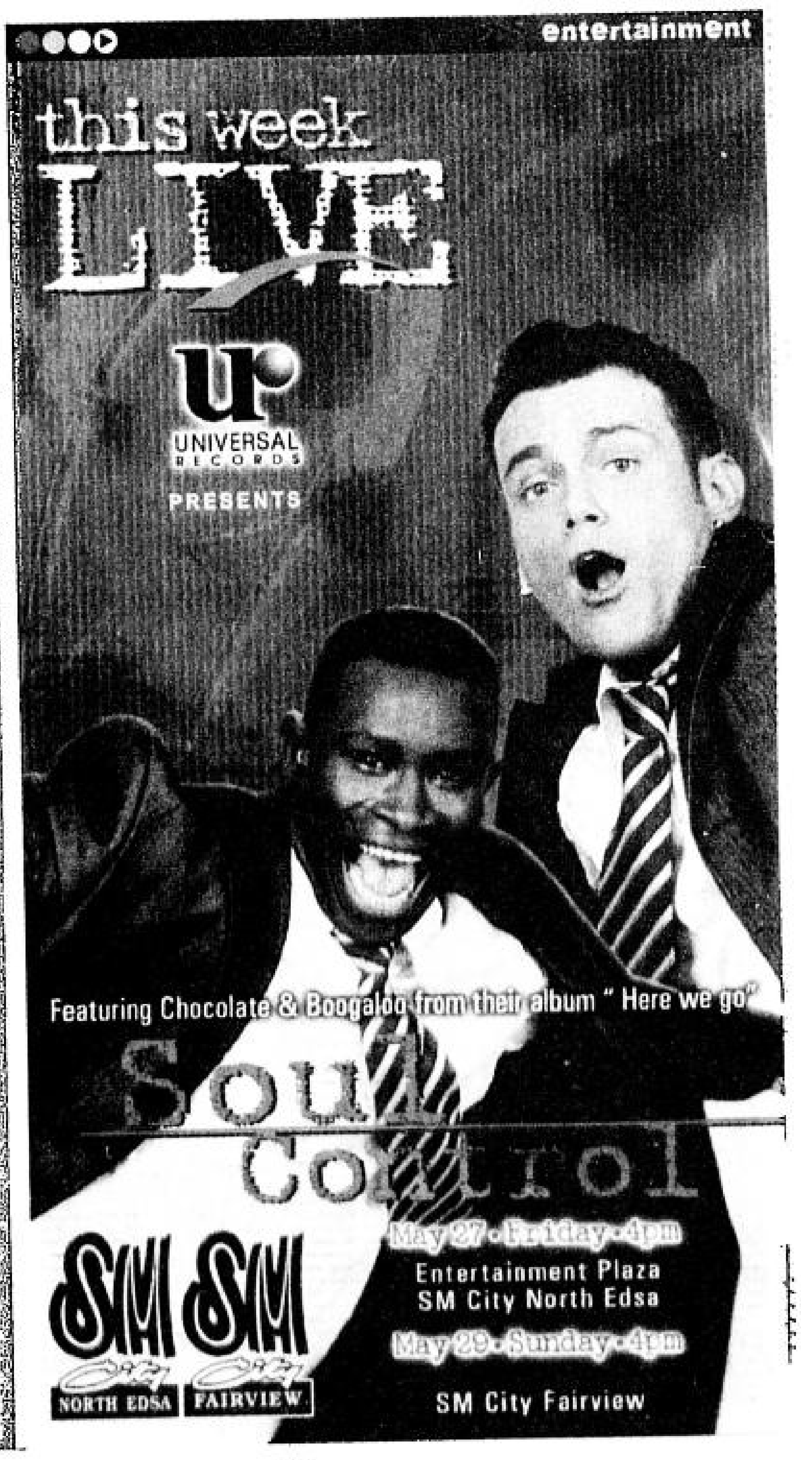
**designer upholstered seats,**

**and soft carpeted flooring.**

**Now Open**
SM Sta Mesa - Cinemas 1, 2 &3
SM Southmall - Cinemas 3 & 4
SM Megamall - Cinemas 10, 11 & 12
SM Cebu - Cinemas 3 & 4
SM North EDSA - Cinemas 1 & 2

**Opening Soon**

| | |
|---|---|
| June 1 | SM Sta Mesa - Cinemas 4 & 5 |
| | SM Southmall - Cinemas 1 & 2 |
| | SM City Cebu - Cinemas 2 |
| June 5 | SM Megamall - Cinemas 7, 8 & 9 |
| June 15 | SM North EDSA - Cinema 3 |


entertainment
this week
LIVE
UNIVERSAL RECORDS
PRESENTS
Featuring Chocolate & Boogaloo from their album " Here we go"
Soul Control
SM City NORTH EDSA
SM City FAIRVIEW
May 27 • Friday • 4pm
Entertainment Plaza
SM City North Edsa
May 29 • Sunday • 4pm
SM City Fairview

SM
SUPERMALLS
AFTER-SCHOOL
fun!

entertainment
The Megastrip
PRESENTS
Velcro
Orange and Lemons
SM MEGAMALL ORTIGAS

May 28 Saturday 8pm
Megastrip Bldg. B

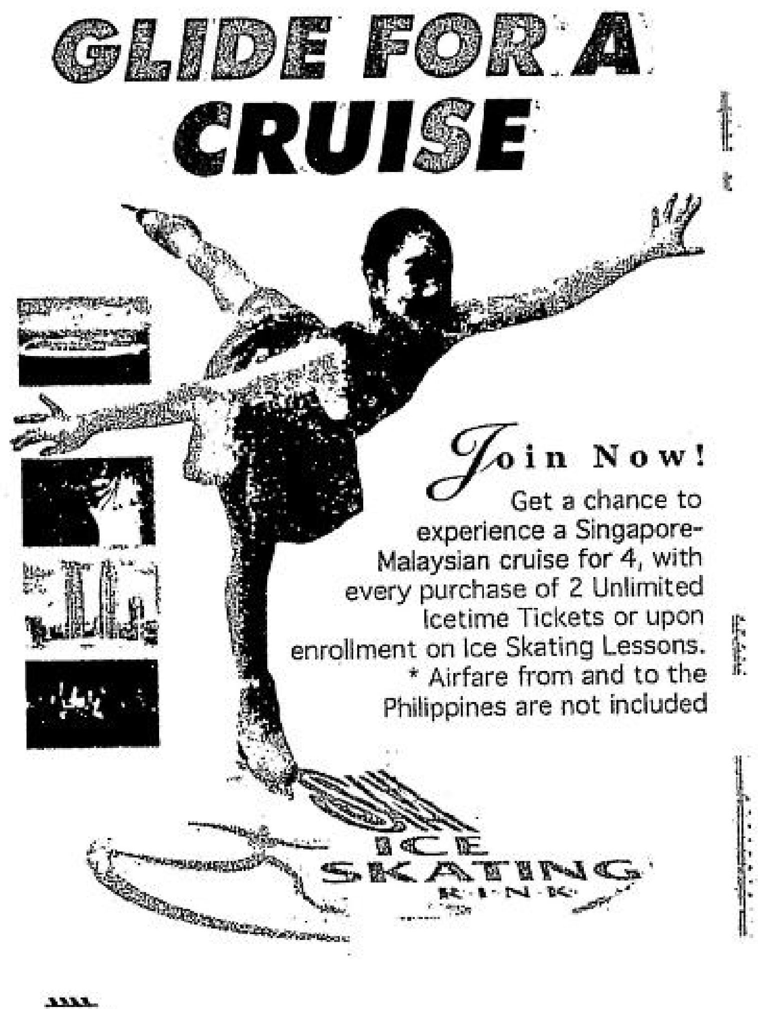
entertainment
this week
LIVE
VIVA RECORDS CORP.
Presents
Jaya
SM SOUTHMALL LAS PIÑAS
SM CITY STA. MESA

May 28 • Saturday
SM Southmall
May 29 • Sunday
SM City Sta. Mesa

MILO
SUMMER SPORTS CLINICS
Enroll your kid now!
Maria Carmela Gracia R. Suarez, 10
Philippine Bowling Congress
2003 (First Runner Up)
MILO
SM BOWLING CENTER
10% OFF

MILO and the Philippine Olympic Committee are building champions for the future. And the MILO Summer Sports Clinics is one hot breeding ground. Be part of it. Who knows, you may one day be the country's next bet in the SEA Games and the Olympics. Gold and glory can start this summer.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Megamall | 633-7651 | North EDSA | 919-3320 |
| Fairview | 939-5025 | Cebu | 231-0285 |


SM ICE SKATING RINK
STAR CRUISES
The Leading Cruise Line In Asia-Pacific

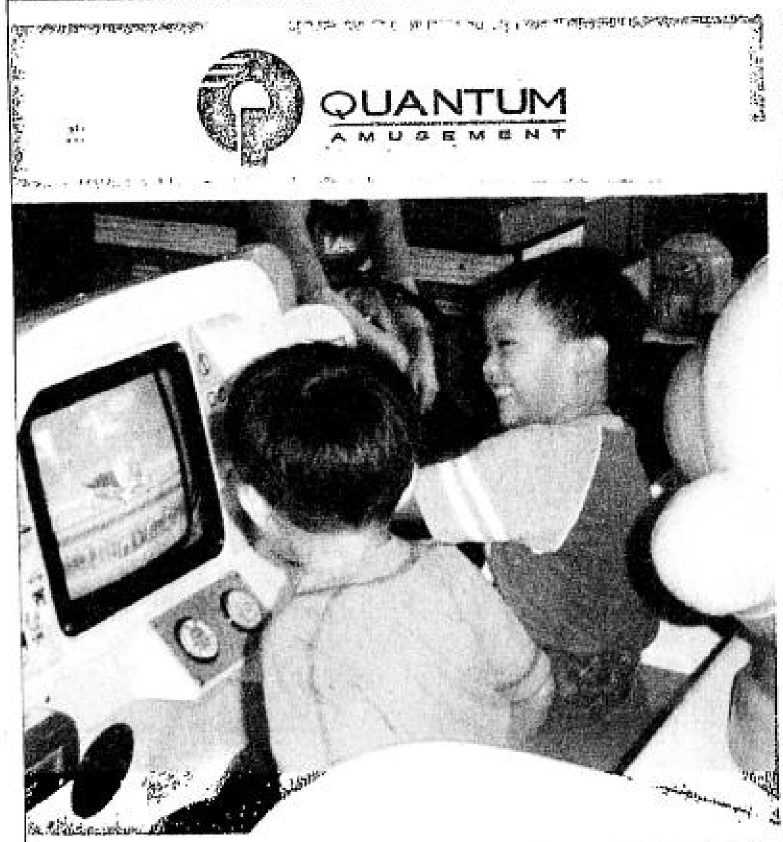
## GLIDE FOR A CRUISE

Join Now!

Get a chance to experience a Singapore-Malaysian cruise for 4, with every purchase of 2 Unlimited Icetime Tickets or upon enrollment on Ice Skating Lessons.
* Airfare from and to the Philippines are not included

See poster mechanics for details

Start gliding from April 11 to June 15, 2005! Per DTI-NCR Permit #1673 Series of 2005


QUANTUM
AMUSEMENT

Storyland
IAAPA MEMBER

## It's Funtime At Storyland
New surprises & exciting rides!

Be dazzled by the twinkling lights and wonderful sounds. Be thrilled with the exciting honks and trailblazing speed. Have fun with the different rides we offer. Laughter and joy we bring to kids and kids at heart. Be fascinated with the magical atmosphere SM Storyland brings!

SM CEBU (032) 231-3592
SM CITY ILOILO (033) 320-9601
SM CITY BATANGAS (043) 722-2441
SM SOUTHMALL LAS PINAS 800-0614
SM CITY FAIRVIEW 936-0508
Visit our website at www.storyland.com.ph
Open Mondays to Sundays

SM
CINEMA
Hi-tech sound.
Cool! Carpet!
How comfy the seats!
No hassle seating.
Wow! It looks so real!

## We invite you to SM Premiere Cinemas.

**Guaranteed seating.**

**Bright new screens.**

**Digital acoustic sounds,**

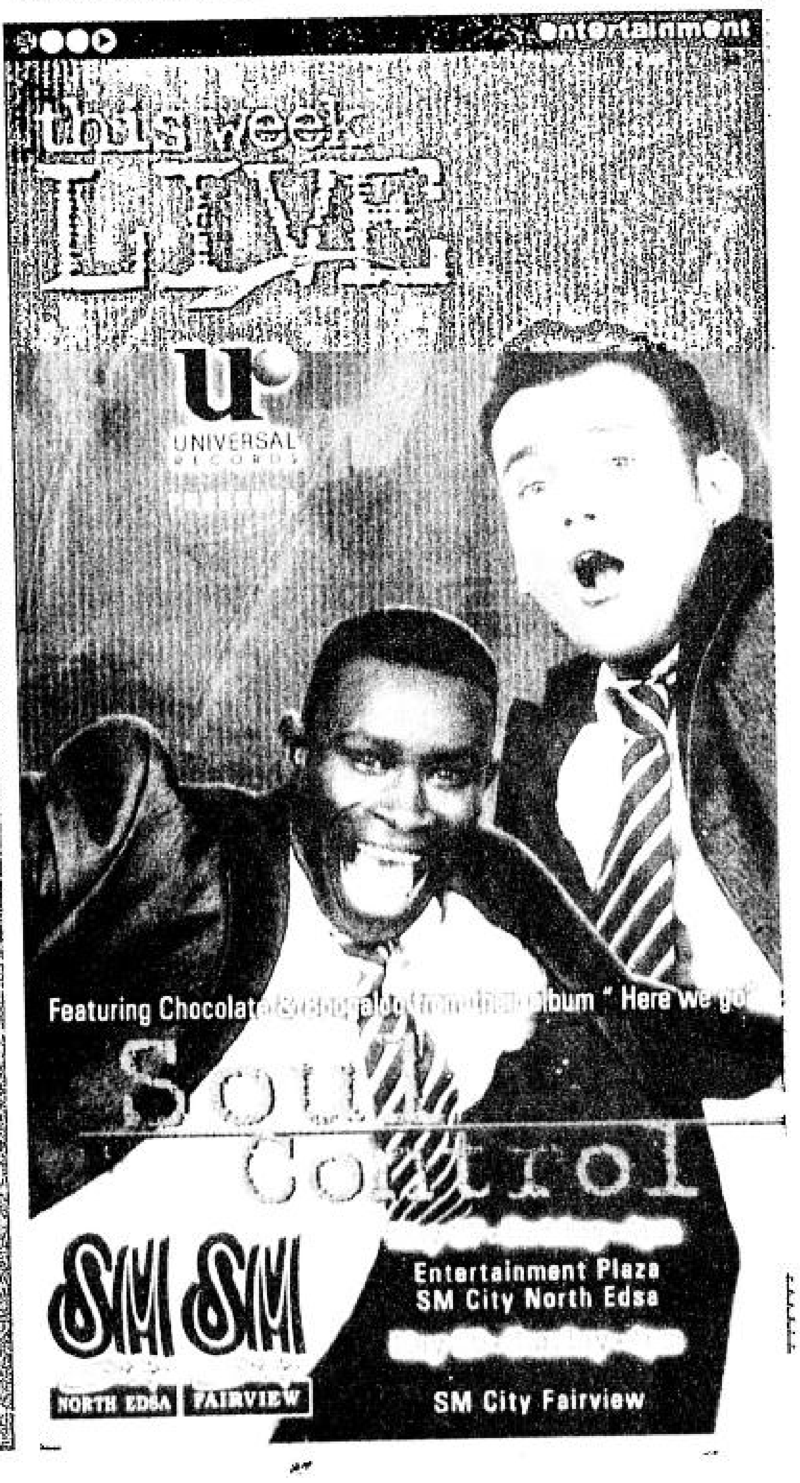
**designer upholstered seats,**

**and soft carpeted flooring.**

**Now Open**
SM Sta Mesa - Cinemas 1, 2 &3
SM Southmall - Cinemas 3 & 4
SM Megamall - Cinemas 10, 11 & 12
SM Cebu - Cinemas 3 & 4
SM North EDSA - Cinemas 1 & 2

**Opening Soon**

| | |
|---|---|
| June 1 | SM Sta Mesa - Cinemas 4 & 5 |
| | SM Southmall - Cinemas 1 & 2 |
| | SM City Cebu - Cinemas 2 |
| June 5 | SM Megamall - Cinemas 7, 8 & 9 |
| June 15 | SM North EDSA - Cinema 3. |


entertainment
this week
LIVE
UNIVERSAL RECORDS
Soul Control
SM NORTH EDSA
SM FAIRVIEW

Featuring Chocolate & Boogaloo from their album " Here we go"

Entertainment Plaza
SM City North Edsa

SM City Fairview